#### Jran 'not interested' in nuclear arms

ABU DHABI (R) — Iran's defence minister said Tuesday it was not aterested in acquiring nuclear weapons or buying new conventional arms.

kbar Torkan told Reuters an \$850 million defence allocation in Iran's lew budget would be spent on maintaining its military, but not through lew arms purchases. "We are producing some facilities that we need in air defence industries. We do not need any new weapons." he said. Mr. Torkan said fran's nuclear programme was limited to power generating. Western powers had expressed anxiety when Iran said in September it had greed to buy a small nuclear reactor from China. "We bought the nuclear ower station (from) China. This is the only activity we are following in he field of nuclear. But in the army, in our armaments and weapons it is not our policy to follow nuclear weapons," he said. Iran has repeatedly lesied Western reports that it was making progress on a nuclear arms rogramme. A draft U.S. intelligence report said in November last year bal fran could develop a nuclear weapon by the year 2000. Some Arab and Western countries have voiced concern about Iran's recent arms surchases, including submarines from Russia. It has ordered three and ast year took delivery of one which it deployed in the Gulf waters.

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Aide denies Montazeri arrested

TEHRAN (R) - A spokesman for Ayatollah Hossein Ali Montazeri, once the designated successor to Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, Tuesday

denied reports of his arrest but said five of his aides including his grandson had been detained. Demonstrators marched against Ayatollah Montazeri in the holy city of Oom last week after he accused Iran's rulers of usurping

the Islamic revolution's leadership. "Ayatollah Montazeri has not been arrested. I deny that," said a spokesman, contacted by telephone at Ayatollah Montazeri's home in Qom. "There were no clashes, but five persons including the Ayatollah's grandson have been held since Saturday." Former Iranian President Abolhassan Bani-Sadar said in a statement in Paris that Ayatollah Montazeri was president Saturday.

statement in Paris that Ayatollah Montazeri was arrested Saturday. Mr. Bani-Sadr said armed men attacked Ayatollah Montazeri's home and

killed three people Friday after he denounced supreme leader Ayatollah

Ali Khamenei in a speech last week. The spokesman said a group of demonstrators disrupted Ayatollah Montazeri's theology class at Hos-

seiniyeh Shohada, a religious hall next to his home, on Saturday. Police

then sealed the hall and seized cars and furniture. Ayatollah Montazeri,

71, cancelled his classes for the next week and would not resume teaching

until after usual holidays for the holy months of Ramadan which ends in

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#### nnesty opens <sub>ırdan</sub> Chapter

MAN (AP) — Amnesty In-national, the London-based nan rights organisation, inauated a Jordan chapter Tuesfour months after obtaining mission from the government. - s opening of Amnesty Internanal's Amman chapter came ) days after King Hussein laund a study centre on human its abuse, freedom and demo-.cy. "We hope that the Jordan nch will be the starting point a better human-rights record the Middle East," said Abdul taal Qershab, a membership ordinator. The Amman get nich, consisting of about 400 ive members, will be the third be Arab World after branches Tunis, Tunisia and Algiers. geria. The office will "work vard defending human rights in Arab World and consolidatdemocratic reforms in Jor-1," said Asman Khader, a

#### ourist bus attacked southern Egypt

ominent human rights activist.

SIUT (AP) -- Gunmen shot i bus carrying German tourists southern Egypt Tuesday but sed their target, police said. attack, apparently the work Muslim extremists, occurred r Manfalout, 30 kilometres th of Assint. That city is a all point of Moslim extremist lence. Police said the bus was its way from antiquities-rich them city of Luxor to Cairo. officer said police escorting bus exchanged fire with the illants. It was the fifth attack :C:C inst tourists in Egypt this year. minor, with no injuries. A k ago, militants shot at a bus ying three dezen Germans r Assiut and missed.

#### **Bosnians** rive in Israel

- W. AVIV (AP) - Israeli offiwelcomed 84 Muslim rees from Bosnia-Herzegovina sday and promised them shel-· ... the officials, headed by En-· ----nment Minister Yossi Sarid, e forced to change housing ingements for the visitors af-. Israeli Arab mayors withdrew earlier offer to take them in. 3 Israeli Arabs said they feared Jewish state's move to bring he refugees was a publicity it to draw attention away from expulsion of more than 400 slim fundamentalists in midember. They also complained taking the refugees might be a sa support for "ethnic nsing," since the Bosnian slims had fled from Serb es to the Croatian capital of reb. The Arabs have called supporting the Muslims in

#### iltsin calls for nergency congress

SCOW (R) — President is Yeltsin called Tuesday for mergency session of Russia's eme legislature, the Congress eople's Deputies, to end a er struggle crippling the stry. A statement from Mr. sin's press office said the on could take place in the 10 days of March and would entrate on ratifying a consti-nal agreement. The call for congress session was issued at nlin talks between Mr. Yeltnd his conservative rival Rus-Chasbulatov, chairman of the eme Soviet, the standing ament (see related story on

#### die in Kurdish shes in Turkey

ARA (R) — Thirteen atist Kurds and three Turoldiers have been killed in " s in southeastern Turkey in st three days, officials said ay. Eight rebels, including ian guerrilla of the Kurdish Party (PKK), and three s were killed Tuesday near town of Mardin province, s of the regional emergengovernment in Diyarbakir d. On Sunday, five PKK as were killed in a gunbata troops near Sumer village same province, they said. y forces, fighting the tist insurgency in the Kurdish southeast since vave persisted in a crack-. n the PKK despite harsh ... conditions.

# Christopher does not expect go-ahead for peace talks during trip

## ● Palestinians will say no—Abed Rabbo Rabin 'unable to keep9-month pledge'

WASHINGTON (Agencies) — Secretary of State Warren M. Christopher, about to start his first overseas trip, said Tuesday he did not expect Middle East leaders to give him a go ahead on stalled peace talks.

Even with U.N. endorsement of his compromise with Israel over expulsions of Palestinians. Mr. Christopher voiced limited expectations as he met here with Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon

He said he hoped to get "some sense" from the leaders he will meet over a week's time on how they felt about the peace talks suspended here in midMr. Christopher will visit Egypt, Jordan, Syria, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Israel and possibly Lebanon during his week in the region. The Arab-Israeli peace talks had been suspended since last December when Israel expelled 415 Palestinians from the occupied territories.

"I'm not as familiar as I'd like to be with the region or its principal personalities. So I don't want to establish a particular target for the trip," Mr. Christopher said.

"I think I'll be quite satisfied if I have an opportunity to listen to what they have to say, to what is on their minds and try to get some sense... as to where the

"I hope that subsequently the peace process can be restarted with a rescheduling of the bilateral and multilateral negotiations. but I would not expect that to

happen during the course of my trip," said Mr. Christopher. Mr. Christopher flies to the Middle East Wednesday night. He will then meet in Geneva Feb. 25 with Russian Foreign Minister Andrei V. Kozyrev and go on to Brussels the next day for talks nisation (NATO) foreign ministers about the war in Bosnia. The meeting with Mr. Kozyrev

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## Resistance hits SLA outposts

MARJAYOUN (AP) — Resistance fighters shelled two outposts manned by Israeli-backed militiamen in South Lebanon before dawn Tuesday, a few hours after Israel said its, forces shot dead two guerrillas in the area.

The command of the Israeliaffiliated South Lebanon Army (SLA) militia said no casualties were reported from the 15barrage by mortars and rocket-propelled grenade laun-

The barrage, the command said, targetted SLA outposts in the villages of Brachit and Beit Yahoun on the northern edge of Israel's self proclaimed "security

The SLA communique said its forces "responded in kind targeting sources of the enemy fire." It did not disclose further details. Security sources in South Leba-

non, speaking on condition of anonymity, said SLA and Israeli gunners fired mortar and tank cannon rounds targeting olive groves north of the two villages. In Beirut, the Iranian-backed

Hizbollah claimed responsibility for the attack which capped three days of violence in the volatile

Hizbollah Saturday reported a rocket barrage against the "security zone." The faction said the activity was to commemorate the first anniversary of the death of its leader Sheikh Abbas Musawi. Sheikh Musawi was killed in an attack by Israeli helicopter gunships against his convoy near the southern village of Jibsheet

Feb. 16, 1992. The Israeli army said Monday it killed two Hizbollah guerrillas while trying to infiltrate across a strip manned by U.N. peacekeep-

## Arab League urges world to end Israeli 'tyranny'

League urged the world Tuesday to invervene quickly to stop what it called "Israeli tyranny" against Palestinians in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip. The appeal was made after an

emergency meeting of Arab League permanent delegates called for by the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO). "Israeli oppression has exceeded all boundaries and limits.

Israel has shown complete disreand laws," Arab League Secretary-General Esmat Abdul Meguid told a news conference after the meeting.
"In view of the escalation of

the dangerous situation... the conferees urge the international

CAIRO (Agencies) — The Arab community represented by the League urged the world Tuesday United Nations and human rights bodies to move quickly to put an end to the Israeli tyranny against Dr. Abdul Meguid said the

Israeli violations of human rights had increased and the fatal casualty rate among Palestinians in the occupied territories had doubled since Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin came to power last June.

His plea came 48 hours before State Warren Christopher in the Middle East on a mission aimed at resolving the crisis over Palestimians expelled by Israel and reviving deadlocked Arab-Israeli

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## Husseini: Gaza demolitions belie Israel's assertions

KHAN YUNIS (AP) — Palestinian leader Faisal Husseini, visitanti-tank shells. Eight houses ing Arab houses torn apart by the Israeli army, said Tuesday the destruction casts doubt on Israel's

desire for peace. Mr. Husseini and other members of the Palestinian delegation to U.S.-backed peace talks toured the Khan Yunis refugee camp where soldiers destroyed or damaged 20 houses last Thurs-

day.
"What happened in Khan Yunis makes us doubt the Israeli proposals to achieve peace," Mr. Husseini told a news conference in Gaza City after his visit to Khan Yunis.

In last Thursday's attack, soldiers and police ordered about 180 Palestinians out of their homes and then blasted away at

were left unlivable, eight others were damaged, and four suspected activists were arrested.

Mr. Husseini, chief adviser to the Palestinian negotiators, called the Israeli action barbaric and said the Palestinians have alternatives to the current peace process. "If the Israeli leadership wants

a peaceful solution, we support them, and if they want military solutions, we will be there," he

During Mr. Husseini's visit to Khan Yunis, about 200 suppor-ters of the hardline Muslim movement Hamas protested the peace process, and about 500 supporters demonstrated in favour of making peace with Israel. (Continued on page 5)

negotiations stand," he said.

with North Atlantic Treaty Orga-



## King calls for fostering democracy and consultation as elements of life

## His Majesty visits Yarmouk University, underlines commitment to education

late March, he said.

AMMAN (J.T.) — His Majesty King Hussein Tuesday stressed that democracy and consultation were important ingredients of Jordan's fife and called for fostering them in order to turn the Kingdom into a model for the

Speaking at a meeting with Yarmouk University teaching staff and student representatives King Hussein reaffirmed the need for respect for counter opinions, an element that "has never been

a part of life in this entire region despite the fact that it is essential for pursuing the march of freedom and achieving the goals of the Arab Nation." King Hussein said Arabs should "appreciate the value of their existence since it is one of the rights which enable them to participate in addressing challenges.

The King emphasised the importance of education, research and concerted action to overcome obstacles and challenges and

voiced hope that all citizens continue to shoulder their responsibilities at this difficult junction in

He reiterated that Jordanian citizens, irrespective of their ori-gins or birthplaces, are one fami-

"It is our duty to extend support to our kinsmen and brethren who opted to face challenges and

oppression." he said. King Hussein said that a

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## **Expellees** call for American pressure on Israel

MARJ AL ZOHOUR, Lebanon (R) — Palestinian expellees Tuesday urged U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher to put pressure on Israel before pushing Arab states to resume peace

The 396 exiles, stuck in South Lebanon, start a third month in exile Wednesday, a day before Mr. Christopher arrives in Egypt at the start of a week-long Middle East tour.

Abdul Aziz Al Rantisi, the leader of the group, said they were sure Arab states would back the Palestinians in their demand for Israel to be forced to allow all of them to return immediately in ine with U.N. Security Counci Resolution 799.

"The big challenge for Israel does not come from the (expellees), it comes from the entire Arab Nation," Dr. Rantisi said. "The Palestinian people's suf-

fering from Israel's killing, jailing and sabotaging our economy and terrorising is a matter for the Arab (states) which must decide what to tell Christopher.

"We call on Arab countries to take all measures to stop Israei continuing its terrorism against

the Palestinian people."

Dr. Rantisi said before Mr. Christopher raised the question of Arab negotiators returning to talks with Israel he should realise the Jewish state refused to promise to stop expelling Palestinians of killing them in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

"We want Christopher to respond to these questions before talking about peace talks," he

He added that out of all the Arab states exiles pinned most hopes on Egypt to convince Mr. Christopher to put pressure on Israel to implement Resolution 799 and take them all back.

"Egypt is the big power in the Arab World and we value its honourable position and put our hopes in it," Dr. Rantisi said.

## Fresh trouble could brew over inspection flights over Baghdad However, they avoided flying

BAGHDAD (Agencies) — U.N. arms inspectors flew several helicopter missions over Iraq last week without complaint from the authorities but they steered clear of the capital, U.N. sources said

Baghdad has previously objected to U.N. helicopter flights and the New York Times reported Tuesday that the U.N. teams were setting the stage for confrontation with Iraq by challenging the ban on flying over

Baghdad. The inspectors, who are charged with destroying Iraq's weapons of mass destruction under Gulf war ceasefire terms, intended to photograph an undis-closed site in Baghdad from the air, the newspaper said.

A U.N. source in Baghdad told Reuters: "We made many flights last week. There has been no objection from the Iragis.'

over the city in line with an earlier understanding with Iraqi authorities, he said, adding that he had no idea about the New York Times report.

Patrice Palanque, leading a 13member team of ballistic missile experts here, said he was not aware of any United Nations decision going back on that understanding.

The New York Times, in a

report from U.N. headquarters in New York, said the inspectors' U.N. special commission would tell Iraq this week of its intention to send a helicopter over the Iraqi capital to photograph an undis closed site.

The issue is sensitive and may heighten chances for another confrontation with Iraq if the U.N. requests and insists on flying heli-copters over this city of four million people.

Mr. Palanque, a Frenchman. said he was free to use helicopters

But asked if he could fly over Baghdad, Mr. Palanque replied: No. I guess there is a kind understanding with the Iraqis of certain limits. I can't tell you any more things."

A U.N. official said in New York that the weapons inspectors in Iraq want to survey two secret sites in Baghdad where they believe the Iraqi government designed missiles to carry nuclear warheads.

Tim Trevan, the spokesman for the U.N. special commission that is dismantling Iraq's weapons of mass destruction, said Tuesday that "we have the right to fly over Baghdad; we will exercise that right when we have operational need to do so."

Hekmatyar:

## FIS appeals rejected; 700 held in arms crackdown

ALGIERS (R) — Algeria's supreme court Tuesday rejected

Their original trial was held appeals against 12-year prison sentences passed on two leaders of the outlawed Islamic Salvation Front (FIS).

Supporters of Abassi Madani and Ali Belhadj are blamed for liberate attacks.

Six judges delivered their verdict just hours after the para-military gendarmerie said it had arrested nearly 700 people traf-ficking arms to FIS militants. Mr. Madani, now 62, and his fiery deputy Belhadj, 36, were sentenced last July by a military

court in Blida, 50 kilometres south of Algiers. They were charged with attacking state security forces and undermining the economy after tants are termed "terrorists" in clashes in June 1991 between Algeria. security forces and FIS militants

demanding an Islamic state. Five other FIS officials received lesser terms which were also upheld by the supreme court

two weeks after Head of State Mohammad Boudiaf was assassinated and their imprisonment fuelled anger among fundamentalists. But diplomats saw the sentences as light and a ges-

more than a year of violence in ture towards Islamic moderates. which authorities say over 600

The defence, which termed the people have been killed in detrial "political," and the prosecu-The defence, which termed the tion, which sought life terms, had both appealed.

Announcing that it had cracked the "biggest arms trafficking network since independence, gendarmerie said it had seized a total of 842 weapons made up of 400 automatic pistols, five submachineguns and 437 shotguns.

The gang operated in 11 regions including the capital and was a "terrorist organisation," the gendarmerie said. FIS mili-Algeria.
The gendarmerie said half of

the nearly 700 held were FIS militants or sympathisers. The

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Truce is

CHARASYAB, Afghanistan (R) Dissident Afghan guerrilla chief Gulbuddin Hekmatyar said Tuesday he was ready to hand over the artillery he has used to bombard Kabul for months, but only to a government acceptable to all parties.

Mr. Hekmatyar was speaking as the rumble of artillery and rocket exchanges shook the south of the capital, violating Sunday's ceasefire which halted a fourweek bombardment that killed about 1,000 civilians and injured more than 5,000.

"We don't want fighting," the leader of the Hezb-e-Islami party said in an interview at his headquarters 20 kilometres south of

Mr. Hekmatyar said he had agreed to silence his artillery only at the request of a Pakistani

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# Palestinian leadership looking for compromise to resume talks

By Sana Atiyeh Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — The Palestinian leadership has been thrown off track with the U.N. Security Council's failure to take measures against Israel to ensure the immediate return of Palestinian evictees stranded in South Lebanon. The issue has fuelled further debate on whether the Palestinians should attend the next round of peace talks.

The Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) is now looking for a face-saving for-mula along the lines of the U.S.-brokered Israeli offer to immediately return 101 of the expellees but with better conditions before deciding to attend the next round of peace negotiations, Palestinian sources said.

According to the sources, the PLO leadership is seeking a compromise on the evictee crisis to enable the Palestinian delegation to return to the negotiating table without losing credibility among the Palestinian constituency. PLO Chairman Yasser Ara-

fat dispatched delegation spokesperson Hanan Ashrawi to Washington last week in an effort to modify the Israeli offer ahead of U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher's tour of the region. PLO delegates criticised Mr.

Arafat's apparent snubbing of

the rest of the team that nor-

mally negotiates with the State

Department. They say that

Mr. Arafat wanted to avoid a

potential confrontation with Washington. Chief negotiator Haidar

Abdul Shafi, who the sources said was in the U.S. at the time of the meeting, has threatened to withdraw from the delegation and refuses to return to the negotiating table until all the evictees return home. Dr. Ashrawi's meetings with

State Department officials were described as unsuccessful. She apparently told the Americans it would be difficult to resume the peace talks under the present conditions and demanded U.S. pressure on Israel to improve its offer.

PLO Executive Committee

member Yasser Abed Rabbo

told the Jordan Times that no

progress was achieved in

Washington and reiterated that

the Palestinians would not return to the negotiations until Resolution 799 is implemented; a reaffirmation of the official Palestinian posi-There is no change in our

Mr. Abed Rabbo said in Am-He also challenged Washington to deal with the Palestinian issue with an even-handed approach. "(The expulsion issue) is a test of the serious-

ness of the U.S. in dealing with

Security Council resolutions,"

policy regarding this issue,"

Mr. Abed Rabbo stressed. Dr. Ashrawi told Cable News Network (CNN) Monday that the Palestinians would not compromise on the implementation of Resolution 799 calling for Israel's immediate and unconditional return of all the evictees whom the Jewish state described as Islamic mili-But Dr. Ashrawi was also

quoted in Washington recently as saying that the Palestinians were "willing to look at the implementation of 799 to ensure compliance through a timetable or deadline... within a reasonable timeframe." PLO officials in Cairo also recently spoke about a "two-phase solution," something the evictees themselves have repeatedly rejected.

Other statements, described by Palestinian analysts as "test balloons" indicating that the PLO leadership is looking for a compromise, came from Mr. Arafat's advisor Bassam Abu Sharif on Monday. He told a Tunisian newspaper that the expulsion crisis should not be linked to the continuation of the peace talks, and that it was only a "side issue."

Local and Arab pressure on the PLO has escalated following Friday's Security Council statement on the expulsion crisis. Locally, the PLO has to avoid creating a division within the Palestinian delegation, a threat that is now looming over its head for the first time, according to delegation mem-

The members, who spoke on condition of anonymity, told the Jordan Times that the expulsion had already created a rift within the delegation, endangering the makeup of the negotiating and advisory team formulated for the Madrid con-

ference in October, 1992. Dr. Abdul Shafi's position has gained support from the majority of his team as well as from some of the mainstream

PLO groups and individuals.
With lack of progress in the peace talks with Israel and with the Jewish state's escalation of its violations of human rights in the occupied territories, analysts said the PLO was also faced with losing ground to the 10 Damascus-based opposition groups including Hamas - all of whom oppose the U.S.-

sponsored peace talks. But observers said that Mr. Arafat had "scored extra points" against the opposition factions and asserted his leadership when he received a surprising Iraqi blessing for (Continued on page 5)

# Expellees become political ||| symbol for Palestinians in occupied territories

By Said Ghazali The Associated Press

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM — A calendar for the fasting month of Ramadan shows Palestinian exiles praying near a tent painted with the tenet "There is no God but

Nazeh Minawi, who printed the timetable for the Ramadan dawn-to-dusk fast to advertise his dress factory. explains why he chose the beleasuered exiles to replace a dove of peace symbol in last year's version.

"Nobody is talking about peace, but every Palestinian is talking about the expellees," Mr. Minawi said.

The 400 men exiled by Israel in mid-December are heroes already to many Palestinians and are becoming a potent symbol in a struggle for public opinion that could affect Americanbacked Middle East peace

Palestinians' sympathy with the exiles in their snowy tent camp is being augmented by video cassettes, audio tapes and graffiti. The outpouring also is boosting the popularity of the hardline Muslim movement Hamas to which the expellees are alleged to belong and which opposes the peace talks.

U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher Wednesday starts a week-long visit to the Middle East to restart the negotiations by the end of Ramadan in late March. Palestinian negotiators. however, insist they cannot return to the talks against

popular will. Ghassan Khatib, one of the Palestinian delegates, said he is often approached on the street by people who object to renewing the talks until the exiles are all returned as demanded by the U.N. Security

"It ends with everybody

Council.

saying 'I think it's hopeless. Israel does not want peace. Look at the exiles'," Mr. Khatib said.

Mr. Minawi, the dress manufacturer in the West Bank town of Ramallah. said sympathy for the exiles was natural among the Palestinians in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

"We are sitting in heated houses, and they are living in the open, in bad weather. They are sons of Palestine, regardless of their politics." he said.

But materials distributed in the occupied territories have a political and religious tinge... Popular video cassetts depict the evictees at their camp in Mari Al Zohour in South Lebanon as unsubmissive warriors of Islam.

"We greet you with the salute of great Islam. Here is the songs of battles to our heroic Mujahedeen in Marj Al Zohour," a booming voice says in introducing the

The videotapes are commercial ventures, like Mr. Minawi's calendar, which has been imitated by other businesses and distributed by the thousands in mosques.

But audio tapes proliferating in the occupied territories are prepared by Hamas They praise both the exiles and attacks on Israelis by the movement's underground Izzidine Al Qassem brigade, named for a Muslim leader killed by the British in the

Leaflets and graffiti --- staples of the five year Palestinian uprising — also are being used by Hamas to spread its message. "Kidnap-ping and killing and shooting are Hamas," said one slogan on a wall in Jerusalem's Shufat refugee camp.

The expulsions, which followed the killing of five Israeli soldiers and the kidnapping and slaying of a sixth, came as Palestinians were frustrated with the lack of progress in the peace talks. Danny Rubinstein, an Arab affairs reporter for the

Hebrew daily Haaretz, sees the expulsions as a boost to Hamas at the expense of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), which backs the negotiations.

The extreme Israeli response has moved many in the Palestinian national movement to think there is another option besides the frustrating political negotia-tions in Washington," Mr. Rubinstein wrote.

Benny Temkin, a member of the liberal Meretz bloc in Israel's parliament, says the expulsions put the Palestinians at a turning point that Israel must respond to if it wants to save the peace pro-

"The government of Israel must encourage the Palesti-nian moderates, offer concessions," Mr. Temkin said in the interview.

However, the Palestinian popular mood seems to have changed already. Israel Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, whose election last July brought hope for peace. is now damned for the mass expulsions. Conversations that used to be about the peace talks now centre on the exiles and when they will

The mood is being reflected, too, in tougher talk from some Palestinian mod-

"Rabin is behaving like a general at the front, and we have to change the rules of the game," Faisal Husseini, chief adviser to the Palestinian negotiatiors, was quoted as saying by the Arabic daily Al Queds Al Arabi.

The PLO will lead the direct negotiations besides its battle on the ground as hapnened in Vietnam and Algera," Mr. Husseini told the London-based newspaper.



ON THE WARPATH: Israeh right-wingers holding torches argue with policemen who block stabbed to de them from attacking Palestinians in Jabal Mukaber (AFP photo)

## anti-Syria campaign

PARIS (R) - Lebanon's exiled Christian leader General Michel Aoun, saying there were signs that Washington was hardening its attitude towards Damascus, has urged the U.S.-led Gulf war allies to eject Syrian forces from his country.

He told the French newspaper Le Figaro in an interview published Tuesday that President Bill Clinton had described the Syrian presence in Lebanon as an occupation and the latest elections there as fraudulent.

"An American government that says it respects the United Nations Charter and human rights must revise its policy towards Lebanon," he said.

"Those who forced Iraq out of Kuwait must force Syrians out of Lebanon," added Gen. Aoun, who was allowed into exile in France on condition that he refrain from making political state-

Gen. Aoun said Lebanon was getting poorer and peace was remote despite apparent calm in the country.

## Aoun presses Editor of Arab News fired for anti-Mubarak story

BAHRAIN (AP) — The editor of Saudi Arabia's leading English-language daily, the Arab News, has been fired after the paper published a news agency story that included remarks against Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak.

The Arab News, which is printed in Jeddah, Riyadh and Dhahran from where it reaches Bahrain the same day, appeared Tuesday with the announcement that Farouq Luqman was named editor-in-chief by the publishers, Saudi Research and Publishing

He replaced Khaled Al Maeena, the paper's editor-inchief for more than 10 years, to whom the published announcement extended thanks for his

During the past decade, the Arab News grew rapidly to become the most widely-read of three English-language newspapers in the kingdom.

No reason was given for the change but it followed the absence of the paper from the stands Sunday, and its resumed publication Monday with a front-page apology "to President Hosni Mubarak, the government and the Egyptian people for the error in publishing the news item on Jan. 22, 1993."

It added: "The error was in-

A management official would ence from the stands, declining University.

any further detail even as news spread Monday in the kingdom's and Gulf press circles that Mr. Maeena had been removed.

Mr. Maeena was in London on his way back from delivering a lecture on the Islamic World's views on the Bosnia-Herzegovina crisis at Georgetown University in the United States.

The news item in question was a report by the Associated Press on a U.S. immigration hearing for an Egyptian fundamentalist leader, Sheikh Omar Abdul

The Egyptian sheikh was quoted as saying: "The Egyptian people will not accept being whipped and raped and robbed by the corrupt Mubarak regime." Arab diplomats, who could not

be named under their embassy rules, said the quote angered the Egytpian president and Cairo took up the issue with the Saudi

Saudi Research and Marketing Company, is owned by the family of Prince Salman, the governor of Riyadh. The group's chairman is Prince Ahmad, son of Prince Salman and nephew of King

Mr. Luqman was the managing-editor of the paper until late last year when he was named as daily published by the same advertent and is deeply re- house, a post from which he was recalled to head the Arab News.

Mr. Luquan holds a master's only cite "technical problems" as degree in journalism from the the reason for the one-day abs-

## 2 Kuwaiti MPs retain their seats in rerun

KUWAIT (AP) — Two-pro-gov-ernment politicians have retained their seats in parliament after being forced into a rerun vote by allegations of election fraud.

according to results released The election dashed hopes of the opposition to increase the majority its holds in the 50 member assembly. It won 35 seats in the October general elections. Monday's voting was the first time a challenge had forced a new

election in the emirate, where members of the royal family hold the top government posts. In December, the constitution-

al court annulled the elections for the two seats in the predominantly-tribal districts of Abrak Kheitan and Omariya.

Each of Kuwait's 25 districts has two seats in parliament. Those securing the seats are the top vote winner and the runner

up.
The first-place finishers in

Abrak Kheitan and Omariya were not challenged. The problem arose because only about 10 votes separated the second - and third-place - finishers in both

The third-place finishers, both of them supporters of the opposi-tion, claimed that 14 soldiers voted in Abrak Kheitan and 10 soldiers voted in Omariya enough to tilt the results.

Kuwait's election law bans voting by the military. State-run Kuwait Television

said Mubarak Al Khrainej and Humoud Al Jabri won the elections against Mussalam Al Barrak, a Labour Union leader, and Abdul Salam Al Osaimi, a former police officer looking to implement Islamic law.

Mr. Khrainej won 1,942 votes in Omariya district, while his opponent won 1,659. In Abrak Kheitan, Mr. Jabri took 1,067 votes to 1,030 for Mr. Osaimi.

## MIDDLE EAST NEWS IN BRIEF

## Sudan sets border talks with Egypt

CAIRO (R) — Sudan's new foreign minister said on Tuesday a delayed meeting of an Egyptian-Sudanese committee on a disputed border area would take place in Khartoum Friday. Hussein Suleiman Abu Saleh, stopping off briefly in Cairo airport on his way to a meeting of African foreign ministers in Addis Ababa, praised "eternal" ties with Egypt and said any small differences. should not be allowed to overshadow them. The two neighbours have both claimed sovereignty over the Halaib triangle on their common border. Ties are also strained because Egypt accuse Sudan's Islamic rulers of backing Muslim militants fighting governments in Egypt and other Arab states. "The joint Sudaness." Egyptian committee will meet as planned on Feb. 19," Mr. Abu. Saleh told reporters. "I see the Halaib issue as the issue of an artificial border drawn up by (British colonial) occupation. Egyptian-Sudanese ties are eternal, there are realities we must not forget. If there are any differences, they are small.

#### Yemen affirms guarantee of foreigners' safety:

SANAA (R) — Yemen's First Deputy Prime Minister Hassan Mohammad Makki has reiterated his government's assurances to marantee the safety of foreigners working in the country. Mr. Makki made the assurances during a meeting with oil industry workers in Sanna, the Yemeni News Agency said Monday night The agency quoted him as saying the Yemeni government would offer companies working in the country "all facilities...to serve their joint interests and implement the safety plan." It said Mr.: Makki urged oil firms to double their efforts to seek oil in Yemen. which produces around 200,000 barrels per day. Oil industry sources said earlier this month they had been told Yemen could no guarantee the safety of foreigners in the country after a spate of hostage-taking. They said Texas-based Hunt Oil, which produces 85 per cent of Yemen's crude oil, had nevertheless decided to maintain normal operations after a series of discussions requested by Oil Minister Saleh Abu Bakr Hussainoun.

#### Islamic-led syndicates protest new law

CAIRO (R) — Officials of Egypt's professional syndicates protested outside parliament Monday against a new law which would make it much harder for Islamic fundamentalists to win control of syndicate councils. The proposed law, on which protesters said parliament was due to vote Tuesday, requires 50 per cent of a syndicate's members of vote if an election to its council is to be valid. Supporters of the Muslim brotherhood, the main political opposition in Egypt, surprised and worried the government last year by winning control of the lawyers' syndicate, a bastion of the liberal establishment, in elections in which only a small proportion of members voted. Supporters of the Brotherhood, which is officially illegal, have won control of most of Egypt's syndicates in recent years, including the doctors, engineers and pharmacists. The protesters, about 70-strong, argued that many members of parliament had been elected with the votes of only a small percentage of the potential electors because there was such widespread lack of faith in the fairness of elections in Egypt.

#### Sudan frees priest to mark pope's visit

KHARTOUM (R) - A Roman Catholic priest jailed since July was freed on the orders of Sudanese leader Omar Hassan Al Bashii to mark Pope John Paul's 10-hour visit to Khartoum last week, a Khartoum newspaper reported Tuesday. Father David Tombe, a southern Sudanese, was released from a Khartoum prison Monday seven months after his arrest in Juba, the largest town in the war-torn south, for aiding rebels, the paper Al Sudan Al Hadith (Modern Sudan) reported. It said Father Tombe was arrested when a radio transmitter was found in his church during an abortive attempt by the rebel Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA) to capture Juba. The newspaper said the priest had confessed to being in possession of the radio set which was being used in the interests of "fifth columnists." The Catholic Church says the SPLA had forced Father Tombe to keep the radio in the church during their

#### Ex-defence minister leaves advisory post in Egypt

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CAIRO (R) - Field Marshall Abdul Halim Abu Ghazala, Egypc's former defence minister, resigned from his post as presidential advisor, Cairo newspapers reported Tuesday. The 63-year-old Abra Ghazala was seen in the late 1980s as a powerful contender to succeed Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak. But in April 1989 he was removed from his post as defence minister, presiding over Egypt's 450,000-strong armed forces, and appointed advisor to the president without portfolio. Field Marshall Abu Ghazala, who became defence minister in 1981, built up a strong defence manufacturing base in Egypt and made the army economically powerful by establishing a range of other military industries.

#### Dubai allows business links with S. Africa

DUBAI (R) - The Emirate of Dubai has notified banks they may do business with South Africa, lifting a formal ban imposed on the republic in protest at its apartheid policies. The Dubai branch of the Israel Boycott Office, which also handled South African sanctions, told banks last week of the decision, an official at the boycott office said Tuesday. He said the director of the boycott office, Hikmat Saced Jarbor, said in a statement to banks the lifting of the ban was in line with a Jan. 18 decision by the United Arab. Emirates (UAE) cabinet. The UAE government decision was not reported at the time. "The banks can now inform importers and exporters they can do business with South Africa," the official said:

#### Court rejects Vanunu appeals over jail conditions:

TEL AVIV (AP) — The supreme court has rejected three appeals by Israeli nuclear technician Mordechai Vanunu over the conditions of his detention, the justice ministry said Tuesday. Mr. Vanunu, who worked at the Dimona nuclear facility, was convicted in 1988 after he gave the Sunday Times of London information suggesting Israel had stockpiled at least 100 nuclear weapons, or the world's sixth largest atomic arsenal. The justice ministry refused to reveal the content of the appeals beyond saying they involved "conditions of detention." Mr. Vanunu is held in solitary confinement. He reportedly filed his own appeals.

#### Ghali asks Japan to send troops to join Somalia force TOKYO (R) — U.N. Secretary-General Boutros Ghali asked without the consent of warring

Japan Tuesday to commit troops to a new type of peacekeeping operation he envisages for He told NHK Television he

would like to see Japanese troops take part in the proposed operation in Somalis, where U.S.-led multinational forces intervened late last year to safeguard food supplies to the starving and disarm gunmen. The American-led forces are

soon to be replaced by a U.N.-led Japanese officials have said

that Tokyo, under the constraint of its pacifist constitution, is legally barred from sending troops to Somalia because of the shaky ceasefire agreements among the dozen or so warring Dr. Ghali arrived in Japan

Monday for a five-day visit. He met Emperor Akihito for lunch Tuesday and was due to hold talks with Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa later. Dr. Ghali has suggested that

the world body's conventional peacekeeping operations be upgraded to "peace-enforcing op-erations" which would allow the

lined in his 1992 "Agenda for Peace," would be to deter aggression or avert civil war.

Dr. Ghali, whose comments to NHK were paraphrased by NHK in Japanese, said that if Japan's troops were not suited for such actions in Asia because of lingering wartime memories, they would be welcome in Africa and Europe.

Japan has given Dr. Ghali's idea moral support but has shied away from making a full commit-ment, because of strong pacifist sentiment in the country and a heated debate on suggestions that the 1947 constitution be revised. Japan's new peacekeeping operations law bans its troops from

taking part in U.N. "combat

such as the separation of warring groups. The ban was written into the law because the U.S.-drafted constitution explicitly bars Tokyo from using military force

to settle international disputes. Japan's first peacekeeping contingent of 600 army engineers arrived in Cambodia last September to join a U.N. force there, the first such overseas deployment of troops since World War II. United Nations to take action



U.N. Secretary-General Boutros Ghati (right) and Japanese Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa inspect an honour guard during welcoming ceremony for Dr. Ghali in Tokyo Monday (AFP photo)

## JORDAN TIMES DAILY GUIDE AND CALENDAR

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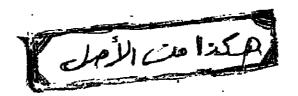
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# Deputy blasts amendment o segregate sexes in schools

MMAN (Petra) — Lower pase of Parliament Judiciary mmittee member Fares Nabul-- has strongly objected to the roduction of an amendment to Education Law of 1988 bang co-education in Jordanian vernment and private schools. The amendment, which is scheiled for debate in Parliament ednesday, exempts only kingartens and the first four imary grades from the ban on ixed classes in the country. Mr. Nabulsi maintains there is big difference between a private eeting between a man and oman or a boy and a girl and ixed education where all stuents are taught together openly school and at university.

rks are mixing together all the me in the streets, hospitals, ablic places, stores, the cinema. reatres and universities, Mr. abulsi pointed out. He said no one approves of the rivate and closed door meeting at school while allowing them to

Men and women, boys and



between male and female students because, he said, this might lead them astray. But meeting in the open is quite harmless to society and there is no specific ruling in Islam

banning such meetings, he asserted.

mix elsewhere creates a doublestandard practice in society, he

He said certain groups in the Jordanian society have no objection to co-education and therefore no law should be imposed to

restrict their personal freedoms. The deputy said the best solution is to offer the people a choice that coincides with their beliefs.

Mr. Nabulsi also maintains that banning children from mixing in schools could later require banning mixing at parties, rallies, public squares, government departments etc., which would sooner or later create numerous problems for society, he added.

Modern technology and com-munications have made the world look like a small village, he said, with the culture of one country open to others.

Deputy Nabulsi said the best means to prevent children from going astray is to arm them with sound culture and proper educa-

# Crown Prince stresses humanitarian issues in pushing Mideast peace process forward

PARIS (Petra) - His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan Monday briefed group of French intellectuals on Jordan's democratic experiment, its role in the bilateral Arab-Israeli peace. talks and Jordan's vision of the future of the region in the aftermath of the Gulf crisis.

Speaking at a meeting held at the Paris-based International Studies and Research Centre, Prince Hassan stressed the importance of maintaining balanced relations with the West, based on a comprehensive approach in dealing with regional and international

The Crown Prince met with the president of the Institute of the Arab World in Paris, and discussed issues pertaining to the special conference on the Mediterra-

AMMAN (Petra) — The Upper House of Parliament (Senate)

Tuesday condemned Israel's

attempts to manipulate the Un-

ited Nations Security Council Re-

solution 799, which calls for the

immediate repatriation of all the

Palestinians expelled to southern

In a statement issued Tuesday,

the Senate called for the full and

immediate implementation of

Resolution 799, passed on Dec.

nean region to be held in Spain. Later he addressed a meeting of French academicians at the French Institute of International Relations, focusing on the relations between Europe and the

Middle East.

The Crown Prince praised the role of Europe in pushing the Middle East peace process for-

He said his Paris meetings are a continuation of his meetings in Germany last month, adding that there are common cultural and political dimensions of such meet-ings with international studies centres, which prepare files for European decision-makers. In a telephone interview with

Radio Jordan Tuesday Prince Hassan said there is a genuine European wish to create a new

The statement condemned Israel's expulsion of more than

400 Palestinians from their home-

land, saying such expulsion con-

stitutes a flagrant violation of

Israel's commitments under the

concept for dialogue between Europe and the Arab and Muslim

He said Jordan, which hosts the Arab Thought Forum and the Academy of Islamic Civilisation Research, is qualified to host part of this expanded dialogue.

In response to a question on the stalemate in the Arab-Israeli peace talks caused by Israel's expulsion of more than 400 Palestinians from their homeland, the Crown Prince said Jordan is and has been committed to the search for peace since the June 5, 1967 Arab-Israeli war.

He added that Jordan has a principled stand and is looking for a comprehensive peace, but such comprehensive peace should give higher priority to human

five permanent members of the

Security Council to stop Israel's

attempts to invalidate the resolu-

tion, saying that Israel's action

constitutes a dangerous prece-

dent, which should not be

an exceptional case, but is a primary and principled one.

Prince Hassan said talking about massive and forcible expulquestion and the refugee problem are humanitarian issues.

He said civil, political, economic or social rights are an integral part of the search for peace, and that Jordan's principled stand on this issue calls for finding a clear solution to such excesses.

Asked about France and the European Community's vision of the Middle East peace process. Prince Hassan said "Europeans will adopt at a certain stage a vision, which might take the tion of principles vis-a-vis the national economy.

The expellees problem is not regional security issues."

Prince Hassan voiced hope that such vision will go beyond the narrow issue of European security to cover the Mediterranean sion reminds us that the Palestine countries and the Asian edge of Europe.

> On Jordanian-French relations, the Crown Prince said the visit of French President François Mitterrand to Amman reflects the special care directed by the French leadership to Jordan at this delicate stage

He noted that the unique bilateral relations between Jordan and France have served as a basis for ensuring a supportive Euro-pean stand for Jordan in his talks of the Brussels, Paris and London Clubs to reschedule Jordan's debt shape of the European declara- and support the Jordanian

## Labour Ministry to appoint **vomen inspectors for areas** mploying predominantly women

MMAN (J.T.) — The Ministry f Labour plans to appoint omen inspectors to follow up ne implemention of labourlated laws in sectors employing omen, Ministry Secretary eneral Saleh Tarawneh

mounced Tuesday. Women inspectors will be eeded mainly in areas where omen are overwhelmingly emloyed: girls schools kindergarns and textile, factories, for tample, Mr. Tarawneh said. At a general meeting with eads of employment and labour ffices in various governorates, ir. Tarawneh added that emoyers should see to it that ardanian job seekers get priority

er the the suest, workers.

He warned that strict measures would be applied against those employers who hire non-Jordanians without work permits.

Employers who violate the Labour Law will be forced to pay the cost of returning foreign workers to their home countries. Mr. Tarawneh said.

Foreign workers with valid work permits are to maintain the line of trade for which they had received their contracts, and inspectors must ensure that this arrangement is respected, the secretary general said.

Mr. Tarawneh also instructed the heads of these departments to ensure that all institutions abide by regulations concerning working hours, holidays, annual

leaves, occupational health and safety measures and other re-

> The meeting comes on the heels of a government announcement that the residence and aliens affairs law of 1974 will be strictly enforced, effective March'

According to the Labour Law, foreigners entering the country on a tourist or business visa can not change their status to afi employee in Jordan during their stay in the Kingdom.

Those entering the country for work, according to the law, should acquire prior permission issued to their employers by the Ministry of Labour and the In-terior Ministry.

## **Ensour** urges more trade with Jakarta

AMMAN (J.T.) - Minister of Industry and Trade Abdullah Ensour met here Tuesday with In-donesian President Suharto and discussed economic and trade relations between Jordan and In-

The minister, who conveyed His Majesty King Hussein's greetings to the Indonesian leader, raised the question of increasing the activities of the private sectors in the two countries to encourage bilateral cooperation in different spheres.

Indonesia is one of the major mporters of Jordanian phosphate and phosphate-based fertilisers. Over the past four years, Jordan has purchased Indonesian products to the tune of over \$30

million annually.
In 1991 Jordan and Indonesia agreed in principle to establish a plant to produce phosphoric acid which would be marketed in Jordan and Indonesia, with the surplus going to other countries. Indonesian Minister of Trade Arifin Siregar, who has visited Jordan several times to discuss promoting Jordanian-Indonesian economic and trade relations. was present at the meeting, along

#### Fourth Geneva Convention. The Senate called on the Security Council to force Israel to The Upper House stressed that return the Palestinian expellees to their homes immediately and to implement all Security Council resolutions, noting that the re-

the U.S.-Israeli deal does not rise to the level of adherence to or implementation of the resolution. It added that the statement made by the Security Council president conflicts with the posi-

The Senate requested the government to explain to U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher during his forthcoming visit to Jordan the dangerous consequences that non-implementation of Resolution 799 will have on the peace process and the overall

The Senate urged the enhancement of inter-Arab coordination

situation in the region.

tion expressed by the Council to achieve a minimum degree of which unanimously adopted the solidarity in order to help the Arab parties involved in the peace process.

The Upper House recalled the statement issued by these Arab parties, including Jordan, Svria, Egypt, Lebanon and the Palestinian Liberation Organisation, on Dec. 24, which called on the international community to shoulder its responsibility by pressuring Israel into surrendering to the international commun-

## Ministry report details Israel's escalating acts against Palestinians

MMAN (Petra) — A report by e Foreign Ministry's Palestinian ffairs Department issued Tues--ty in Amman gave details on the opulation in the occupied West ank and the Gaza Strip last

In January Israeli forces used ckets and bombs to shell Arab mes in the occupied territories id demolished 13 homes owned. Palestinian families, the report

The shelling of homes has benne a normal practice by the raeli occupation forces who mitimue to use live and rubber illets in retaliation for stone-

throwing by young Palestinians

port added. month closed several mosques, according to the report.

Referring to taxes imposed on departure tax has been lifted from Israeli travellers, but Arabs Strip, the report said. leaving the occupied territories by land are still required to pay \$140 each for visits abroad and crossing into Jordan.

While these atrocities continue, Israel maintains its programmes of establishing settlements on Arab land, the report

From the start of the occupaprotesting the occupation, the re- tion in 1967 until last mouth, Israeli forces have confiscated Mosques have, also become 3,077,400 dunums of Arabcalation of Israel's repressive targets of Israeli troops who last owned land in the West Bank and Gaza Strip to build these settlements, according to the report. The number of Israeli settlements Palestinians, the report said the on Arab land now stands at 186 in the West Bank and 20 in the Gaza

> Last month, the report said, Israeli forces killed 17 Arabs, wounded hundreds of others, uprooted 2,000 olive trees from Arab lands and clamped a series of curfews on Palestinian refugee camps and towns, arresting hundreds of youths.

### Iraqi dinar frenzy leaves many at a loss "My loss will be over JD 500 if

Senate condemns Israel's attempt to manipulate 799

#### By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

solutions are not subject to com-

promise or selectivity.

AMMAN - As the dust is settling in the local market after the recent frenzy over Iraqi dinars. many who clamoured to buy the embattled currency are left lamenting their losses, while those who did not sell are equally bitter that they could not take advantage of the opportunity to cash in.

Some others are putting up a brave face and looking at the brighter side, arguing that the fortunes of the Iraqi dinar would soon take an upturn in real terms when they would be able to make better profits than they could have had if they had dumped their holdings in the market on Saturday.

But pessimists argue that it is also possible that total write-offs government were to declare Iraqi Gulf crisis null and void.

"It is better to get rid of all askari notes as soon as possible." said one dealer, referring to the crude versions of the Iraqi currency printed by the Baghdad government during the crisis. The dealer said, however, that only a small part of Iragi dinars

askari.' In the meantime, reports that Washington was giving the cold shoulder to an open call for dialogue from Iraqi President Sadwith Jordan's Ambassador to Indam Hussein further dampened enter the market Saturday, others hopes Tuesday that the dinar did and most of them lost.

"We still don't have full compliance with the U.N. resolutions and that's what we are demanding," said White House Spokesman George Stephanopoulos to

reporters late Monday. "Until we get that, there won't be any Banking officials, economists and dealers are unanimous that it was a carefully charted course by speculators that led to the sudden rise in the exchange value of the

Iraqi dinar in the local market Saturday when it fetched 100 fils each compared with 40 fils two days earlier, before plunging again to around 55 fils to 60 fils Sunday. The continued frenzy was

checked by a Central Bank of Jordan (CBJ) warning that there was no change in the status of the could be in the offing if the Iraqi Iraqi dinar and advising citizens not to indulge in speculation. would take stern measures

against those who exploited the market and undermined the interests of the public. Moneychangers quoted 45 fils to 50 fils for the Iraqi dinar

Tuesday but reported a low turnover since few were selling. By and large, it appeared that held by Jordanians were thousands of Jordanians from all walks of life were pinning hopes

that the Iraqi dinar could make some money for them "on the While some did not opt to

i were to sell today," said Wael, a private sector employee who sold his dollar savings to buy 10,000 Iraqi dinars at 95 fils Saturday. Wael and others like him who

look for opportunities in the market with small-time investments appeared lucky when compared with some who sold even jewel-lery and gold in the frenzy to hoard Iraqi dinars with hopes of high returns. Maha, a 34-year-old govern-ment employee, said she was

encouraged by colleagues to sell her jewellery and buy Iraqi di-"They told me it was only a matter of a few days before I

could double the investment,' said Maha. "I bought over 30,000 Iraqi dinars after selling my gold and was very happy," she said. "But I cried when I heard the next day that the rate had plunged to

about half of what I paid." "Now I am stuck with the dinars; if I sell now I lose more than half my investments and if I don't then I might lose all or make good the lose and gain

But the question is, she added, "when will the dinar rise again?" Jarir, a taxi-driver, said he borrowed JD 400 from friends and bought Iraqi dinars..

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"I promised to return the amount in four days," he said. "Now I have to look for another JD 200 to make up for the short-fall and repay the loan."

Indeed hanging on to their Iraqi dinar holdings is an option for many hoarders; chances are seen as good that the currency could gain in value overnight if some relaxation were to be announced in the international sanctions against Iraq.

But that could be months or even years away.

Some zealous speculators who hoped to reap more and refrained from selling their Iraqi dinars Saturday are also crestfallen. "I was waiting for the rate to rise to 150 fils before selling."

said Bashir, a tailor, adding that he would have gained six-fold with his two-month-old investment of JD 800 for 20,000 Iragi "At today's rate I would only

make less than 20 fils profit and 1 don't intend to sell." he added. "I can wait for six months if need be before the sanctions are lifted and the Iragi currency regains crisis value."

While the "big fish" in the market — mostly traders who have been hoarding Iraqi dinars for months — were seen to have sweeped the lion's share of the windfalls Saturday, a few others were also smart enough to cash

"I had bought 15,000 dinars at 38 fils some months back," said Radwan, a messenger at a private firm. "I was waiting for the dinar to climb to at least 200 fils, but decided the rise to 100 fils Saturday was the opportunity I was

## Ramadan charity campaign o receive JD10,000 from Social Development Ministry

HOME NEWS IN BRIEF

ling congratulates Lithuanian president

MMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein Tuesday sent a ble to Lithuanian President Vytautas Landsbergis, congratulat-

g him in his own name and on behalf of Jordan's people and

vernment on Lithuania's independence day. The King wished

2 Lithuanian president continued good health and happiness

d the people of Lithuania further progress and prosperity.

1MAN (Petra) - The Ministry of Education Tuesday

nounced results of the first semester of the General Secondary

rtificate examinations. Director General of the Examination

partment at the ministry said the results of this year's first

tester are better than those of the first semester of 1991-1992.

otal of 73,242 students took this year's exams, according to Dr.

tudents score better on GSC exams

MMAN (Petra) — The Minis-r of Social Development Tuesy announced a donation of 110,000 to the country-wide arity campaign to be launched the beginning of the Holy onth of Ramadan next Tuesday. Minister of Social Developent Amin Mashaqbeh said in a stement that the donation reicts the ministry's backing of e campaign which will be orga-sed by the Queen Alia Social elfare Fund (QAF) to distrite assistance to Jordan's needy th the help of local organisans and private citizens. Honorary Chairperson of

AF's Board of Trustees Her

oyal Highness Basma

nounced the campaign earlier

QAF plans to start the distribution of medicines, clothing, food and financial assistance in the Amman region and move gradually to the other parts of the country during Ramadan.
At least 5,000 scouts and other volunteers will take part in the

effort which also entails helping needy families start their own income-generating projects. according to Princess Basma. The charity campaigns executed in Jordan in the past two years were successful thanks to the

efforts of QAF, Dr. Mashaqbeh He appealed to Jordanian citizens, particularly the wealthy, to offer tributions to help make this year's campaign equally suc-

## FIS appeals

(Continued from page 1) ing the force statement, said ori-ginally that 100 people had been

weekend of violence in which six security force members and three fundamentalists were killed. A minibus carrying children of

Khaled Nezzar narrowly escaped assassination by a carbomb. Four defence lawyers appeared in the supreme court on Tuesday. Two of the original team are in custody, one suspected of smug-

gling out of prison a document

and more than 400 wounded in the June 1991 violence which brought army tanks and troops to the streets of the capital.

ities scrapped the poll. In March, the FIS was outlawed. The gendarmerie said later that two gunmen shot dead a chief warrant officer with the force in the centre of Blida on Tuesday.

Algiers Radio on Tuesday carried a taped police interview with one of the men arrested in the arms gang, who said: "I sold about 150 guns. Before (the unrest) a shotgun sold for about

official news agency APS, report-

News of the arrests followed a

endarmes to school was also attacked and Defence Minister

signed by Mr. Belhadj calling for renewed violence. Algiers radio said Mr. Belhadi would face a new trial over the document, classed as subversive. At least 85 people were killed

The unrest forced the postponement of Algeria's first multiparty general election until December 1991 when a first round was massively dominated by the FIS. A month later the author-

Quoted by APS, it said Oumira Boulaem was "shot in the back by two terrorists as he got off a bus.

He died shortly after. 7,000 dinars (\$335). Now they fetch 30,000 dinars (\$1,430)."

# donesia Luai Khashman.



reate School (ABS) Tnesday opened two-day symposium to discuss relations between schools and the local community. A total of 350 students and teaching staff from the school, and representatives of various ministries are taking part in the meetings. Working papers on the concept of citizenship and the role of the ABS in the local community will be reviewed by the participants. Among the speakers at the opening session was Nigel Fisher, Deputy Regional Director of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF). Mr. Fisher underlined the need for the school and the local community to direct their attention towards finding solutions related to the environment and unem-

## **WHAT'S GOING ON**

The Exhibition entitled "Modernist Still Life Photographed" at the American Centre.

★ Exhibition of paintings by the late Syrian artist Alfred Hatmal at Al Balqa Art Gallery in Fuheis city.

★ Exhibition of paintings by four Arab artists from the United States — Ghada Jamal, Helen Khal, Suha Noursi and Afaf Zurayk — at the Abdul Hameed Shoman Foundation Gallery in

Jabal Amman, between the First and Second Circles. ☆ Exhibition of photographs by Jean-Philippe Reverdot at the

French Cultural Centre. ★ Exhibition of paintings by Iraqi artist Hayat Jamil Hafez at Alia Art Gallery.

\* Exhibition of Romanian textile machineries at the Jordanian Textiles Company in Marka.

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## Problem law in the making

MUCH HOPE is being pinned on the quality of education in Jordan as the most effective way for multi-dimensional progress. His Majesty King Hussein has repeatedly mentioned this topic and called on the country to advance its educational system in order to provide a favourable intellectual climate for its democratisational process. Against this backdrop, the draft law on education that is coming up for debate by the Lower House of Parliament has several aspects that require much deliberation and thought. There is no excuse to rush into adopting a new legislation prior to full examination of its merits or demerits including of course its implications on future generations. One particular controversy rests on Article 44 of the proposed law which aims to segregate the sexes beyond the fourth elementary class. Unfortunately the House's judicial and educational committees have already endorsed this provision and submitted it to Parliament for precipitious adoption. On this score, we cannot disagree more with these two committees and urge that the House think many times before accepting it.

Segregation on the basis of gender has many sides to it, and obviously there are pros and cons to either accepting or rejecting it as a phenomenon in social life in general and in schools in particular. For starters, keeping girls away from boys in public places has precarious basis in terms of religion. The tenets of Islam prescribe secluded contacts between unmarried adults. The mixing of girls and boys in schools, however, cannot by any reasonable stretch of the mind be construed as repugnant to religion per se. Besides, in this new climate of freedom and democracy, parents should be accorded the right of free choice as to how to bring up their children. If fathers and mothers freely choose to send their children to desegregated schools, that is their business. The government must not and cannot legislate on every detail of peoples' lives, especially when their earthly requirements are legitimate and reasonable. Jordanians who are opposed to segregating their children on the basis of sex should be free to do so. Likewise, parents who see merit in desegregation should also enjoy the same right.

Admittedly there are sex-related crimes committed because of over relaxation of the rules and guidelines on the mixing of the sexes during adolescence. By the same token there are many sex-related crimes that are also attributed to strict desegregation of the sexes. There is a tendency to brush aside or sweep under the carpet sex-related crimes that occur in this very country which are solely attributable to overzealous separation of males from females. There is no room here to chronicle such crimes. But suffice to say that the country is bedeviled with a rather high rate of sexual crimes that could be avoided had the country introduced earlier on more healthy, free and candid relations first between boys and girls and later on

between men and women. Parliament is called upon therefore to double its scrutiny of the draft law on education, not only on account of segregation of girls from boys but also because of the other controversial features of the new legislation. Each and every dimension of the draft legislation calls for special perusal and until this is done, the proposed law should remain a mere proposal.

#### ARABIC PRESS COMMENTARIES

AL RA'I Arabic daily said that Jordan was quick to recognise the newly Islamic republics of the former Soviet Union and to bolster its ties with them culturally, economically and politically. The delegation now touring these republics reflects the Kingdom's keenness on maintaining strong ties that would open new horizons of cooperation in the future, said the daily. By directing the delegation to this important mission, King Hussein has blunted Israel's feverish attempts to win the favour of the Islamic republics and turn them against the Arab World, the paper said. It was a very wise move on the part of Jordan to prevent Israel from attaining its sinister aims and at the same time bolster ties with the Islamic nations, the paper continued. The numerous agreements reached with the Islamic republics during the tour will no doubt open the way for a good and strong level of cooperation with countries that could render support to the Arab just causes. the paper added. By aborting Israel's evil attempts, Jordan has paved the ground for the Islamic republics to deal directly with their Arab and Muslim brothers in economic, cultural and political fields, said the daily. The paper expressed hope that the tour will now bear fruit and manifest its outcome in a most favourable and positive manner benefiting the two sides.

AMID CIRCUMSTANCES that call for desperation and frustracontinuing challenges, the Arab countries open a meeting in Chiro Tuesday, at the level of permanent representatives, to study the situation in the Palestinian lands, said At Dustour in an advorrial Tuesday. The paper said that the meeting in Cairo reneides with a rise in the terrorist activities and an escalation, by israel, of intimidating action against the Palestinian population. While we realise the weakness in the Arab position vis-a-vis Israel and its practices, and in view of the continuing differences among Arab regimes, once cannot attach any hope to such meetings said the daily. Indeed, the Arab masses realise in advance the feeble actions if any, that are expected from the Arabs to deter the Zionist enemy and to put an end to the sufferings of their l'alestinian kinsmen under occupation, the paper continued.

#### Economic Forum

# Statistical disclosure

Accurate and timely statistics are necessary not only for conducting scientific research but also for making the right policy decisions. Marketing, promotion and even propaganda campaigns gain enormous credibility when they employ accurate data. We frequently argued that statistical development is part and parcel of successful overall economic development and an indispensible devise to listen to the pulse of the economy.

Suppose statistics indicate that the economic growth in a certain country is phenomenal in a given year, but, nevertheless, the unemployment rate remains stubbornly high. The manager of economic policy must conclude that he faces a statistical illusion and should ask his staff to dig up the faulty statistic. In this case, the economic growth rate may be statistically overstated. The alternative is for the unemployment rates to be faulty. It is important to know which is which, because each alternative warrants different remedies and consequently different policy

Take another exemplary case. A reading is taken and shows that the unemployment rate stands at around 25 per cent. One year later, a second reading shows that the rate sinks to 18 per cent. The politicians will jump to the conclusion that the policy measures taken during the year were very conducive to combating unemployment and therefore will stick to them. The fact of the matter could be tragically different. We started in this case from wrong data; the actual unemployment rate was initially very close to 18 per cent and what was achieved was merely statistical illusion.

Let us go back to Jordan. The performance of the Jordanian economy is monitored constantly and closely under the IMFsponsored adjustment programme. Very important decisions relating to the economy and the livelihood of Jordanians are made on the basis of statistical indicators that measure that performance. It follows that these statistics must be as accurate as possible and that they should be released as quickly as possible lest they should be useless and sometimes misleading. Some sort of extra effort should be made to expedite and facilitate the compilation of data, processing and releasing them thereafter.

And such data should be disclosed not only to policy-makers but also to all parties. The releasing of selected favourable bits

and pieces of the data and blacking out others or making them accessible only to interested politicians and lucky observers not only undermines their credibility and that of the adjustment programme but also paves the way for making and perpetuating mistakes. The country, the economy and the people will be victims of statistical gimmicks and mirages.

The free and easy access to information is one deep-rooted practice of democracy. The logic and spirit of free-marketism ban monopolistic practices, especially monopolising information. More reliable data, timely publication of statistics and free and easy accessibility to facts is good for any scheme of economic reform than otherwise. What is worse than making an viror is concealing it. Sometimes what should be made public is not the statistic itself but also what assumptions were made in cutting it out. There is no danger for one economic indicator in any given year to miss the target as long as there is a preparedness to acknowledge the miss and thereafter to redefine the end or the

## £18,000 price tag on working wife

By Charles Oulton

WHO WORKS harder, the man at the office, or the woman at home looking after the children? An honest man would answer:

in most cases the woman. From the moment she is woken by the children, she is on duty until she is allowed to retire to bed after making the supper, doing the washing up, and checking to ensure that the man has an ironed

shirt for the morning.

The get-out clause for the man has always been that he is too tired to do the domestic chores

because he is the family bread-

winner. From now on, he will have to think of another excuse. According to a survey published today, women have an equal right to be regarded as the breadwinner if you calculate how much it would calculated to pay someone else to do their work in

the home - the average is over £18,000 a year, more than the salaries of 70 per cent of the

working population. And a wife with a child under one would compete with managers and professionals earning £457 a week.

The bargain most men take for granted is calculated by Legal and General insurance, which broke down the average housewife's weekly timetable and evaluated the

wage rates from employment

These are the savings: Nanny, 17.9 hours at £5.90 per hour, £105.61; cook, 12.2 at £5.35, £65.27; cleaner 12.2 at £5.35, £65.27; laundress, 9.3 at £3.80, £35.34; shopper, 6.4 at £3.80, £24.32; dishwasher, 5.7 at £3.80, £21.66; driver, 2.6 at £4.50,

£8.26; seamstress, 1.7 at £3.60,

teacher (£436). £11.70; gardener, 1.4 at £5.90,

Total: 70.7 hrs, £348.75.

One statistic for men to heed is over cent worked full time - The that women with jobs still work. Independent.

more than a train driver (£339)

domestic chores using hourly £6.12; other, 1.3 at £4.00, £5.20. long hours at home; those with part-time jobs averaged 50 hours When comparing the value of a at home, while those in full-time woman's work at home with work did 49 hours of domestic other jobs, the housewife is worth work, on top of a 40-hour week. A nationally representative and plumber (£315); while a sample of 1 (40) married women housewife with one child under with dependent children took one compares favourably with a part in the survery: 57 per cent production manager (£454) or a were not in paid employment, 35 per cent worked part time and in

## **LETTERS**

## Look who's talking!

As a layperson regarding politics I fail to understand the decision taken by the U.N. Security Council on Resolution 799 and its

Anybody could figure out the double standards of the West, now including the U.N. (its puppet), regarding the Arab World (exclude the wealthy lot).

The recent visit of Shimon Peres to the U.N., his manipulatory

division of the resolution and, amazingly, satisfying the Security Council puzzles me, and the rest of the sensible world, I'm sure. His comments, on not wanting to turn the situation in Palestine like Bosnia is preposterous and ridiculous. Look who is talking! It is that he, and others like him both in Israel and the West. is either ignorant or sheer stupid.

I believe that if the Israeli government keeps on with these beating around the bush tactics and behave like spoilt brats, they the Holy Land as a whole, including the so-called West-created

Israel.

Isr threatening weather conditions without reason is not a crime, and the work of a criminal country (U.S.-backed), then what is? The United Nations, which till now was a highly-esteemed

entity, is unfortunately losing grounds and credibility. We hope it will open its eyes before it is 100 late. Dr. Barbara Burgan,

P.O. Box 2343,

## Just say it!

To the Editor:

ikes to be typical!

We in Jordan, can surprise ourselves, sometimes, at our ability to create and innovate. Trophies would start pouring on us if there ever were a competition on how to promote a certain occasion. One cannot imagine what some people can do when struck by This writer, like many other normal human beings in the world.

came under the spell, during the last few days, as to how best he could impress the person he likes most on Valentine's Day. The options were clear and few. Either buy a pack of well trimmed red roses, or mail a nicely worded Valentine card, or wrap up a small bottle of exotic perfume. But he is not the type

Then, fortunately, some reasoning prevailed: Why not look up the papers for a cozy place to celebrate the romantic occasion? To his relief, he found that many establishments of entertainment were strongly competing to offer the best bargain in town.

The following is a random list of what was offered: Some establishments promised surprise gifts for the ladies only. Others ventured into clearing the mystery by specifying that these gifts would be "red roses"! Others went even further by promising the "gentlemen" some chocolate! They failed to mention whether the chocolate was in the shape of bars, hearts, or cubes. Or was that the real "thriller?"

One establishment decided that the place to be on Valentine's Day was one of its "rooms"! Does that ring any bell?

Another establishment confirmed that the entertainment if offered included a 7-course "seated" dinner. How on with can

one have a 7-course dinner otherwise? A more indiscriminate and tolerant establishment offered its services on that happy occasion for expatriates and Arab couples only. Did that mean the extraterrestrial community which resides in Jordan was not welcome to that spot?

A most daring advertisment was the one that, unequivocally, made it clear that "Love is having dinner" on its premises. And yes, there is more!

If a loving couple ran short of ideas or did not want to indulge themselves in these nutritional bouts they could have rented a car for the occasion. A "rent a car" company for example, offered all Valentines just that. What novelty!

Then finally, one establishment ended the menu it offered with a "love desert." Did that mean that the preceding courses on the menu were "plates of hatred"?

Predictably, this "variety" of original ads left this writer in a daze. So he went to seek comfort in the words of a person who is out of touch with the new social trends in the Jordanian society. When he laid his case before his grandmother on Valentine's Day, she quickly snapped at him "You little rusty man, I heard that you have been acting a little bit strangely, lately."

"I am in love, grandma" he pleaded. "Can't you just tell her that, you idiot"? she grinned back!

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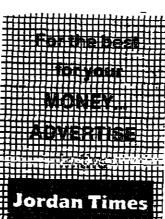
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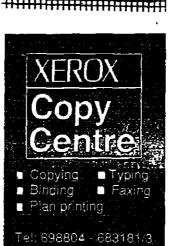
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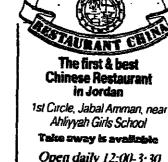
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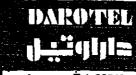
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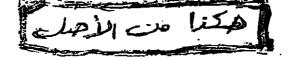
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diversity in the warm tropics is

nearly six times greater than in

northern Europe. Scientists

studying a small area of 15 hec-

tares in Borneo identified a num-

ber of tree species equivalent to

that known throughout all of

North America. Unfortunately, if

our current lifestyle continues,

we could easily wipe out one quarter of all the earth's species

The genetic variation in wild species is substantially important

for the development of agricul-

ture, industry, and many other

fields. Wild species are used to

improve the characteristics of

RED-CROWNED CRAME: SHOW INDEPARTS Poachers

Its eggs are still prized by cooks seek its vainable pelt

over the next 20 years.

# ing calls for fostering democracy

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rdanian-Palestinian confederamas the future perception nd that any such choice would , made in an atmosphere of eedom and democracy followthe full restoration of the alestimans' rights.

King Hussein called on Arabs ) contribute to shaping the prent and future and to safeguard peir rights and stressed the imortance of openness. "We are a ation that has had its valuable ontribution in enriching the narch of humanity and the time ill come when we have to give nore then what we take," the

ing said.
King Hussein called for aplying justice fairly and squarely or all people and all issues and enffirmed that Arab causes were

The King attributed the race by nany countries to acquire arms of nassive destruction to the absnce of justice and fairness. In an apparent reference to the just crisis, King Hussein said: This era could have been the olden era for the Arab Nation, iven the great and enormous esources, had it not been for the atest tragedy which drained bilions of the Arab resources which ould otherwise have been utilsed for meeting Arab needs and saying internal and foreign Arab

He warned of "certain extremst groups which has certain phiectives and intentions might attempt to offend to our religion

In one way or another." Therefore it is our duty to iefend our faith and Islam, without which we will have no preence or value," the King said.

sciously and in a well-planned manner so as to prepare for our present and future despite the challenges that are facing us," the King said, stressing that Jordan would never retract from the path of democracy and freedom and

human right He said his visit to Yarmouk University came as part of the Kingdom's initiatives to support Jordanian universities and offer incentives to distinguished teaching staff members and excelling students." This visit gives me personally a new wave of confidence for achieving our

aspired goals and aims," he said. The King said that his tour of the various facilities at the university made him feel that Jordan had achieved great progress in spite of the many obstacles and challenges facing it.

Stressing that Jordan's duty now is to continue to raise the banner of the Great Arab Revolt with all its meanings and goals, King Hussein voiced hope that Jordan would continue its march on the path of democracy and underlined the importance of pre-serving the freedom of express-

"The names of Jordanian universities are of great significance, embodying the history and march of the nation, which adds to the great burdens and responsibilities of these universities," the King

The King said he had always

shared with officials at the Jordanian universities the belief that more should be done to achieve more and to provide for the youth every possible chance to enable

"We should move on con-them to perform their duty in serving their country.

Researches and scientific studies conducted by universities, he said, should be taken into consideration at government departments. The government is now discussing the need to establish a department which has the power to deal with the results and recommendations of studies conducted by Jordanian academic

University President Ali-Mahafza delivered an address welcoming King Hussein and underlining the grave challenges facing the Arab Nation.

"Challenges facing Jordan are grave and cannot be separated from the challenges facing the Arab Nation," he said.

The university president said that scientific research would be ineffective and fruitless unless the decision-makers take it into consideration and exploit it when tackling problems.

This way, he added, Jordan can create an interaction between universities and higher education centres on the one hand and the skilled labour force in public and private institutions on the other with the aim of developing the Kingdom according to wellestablished principles.

King Hussein's tour of the university included the radio and television studios at the journalism department, the fine arts department and the institute of

archaeology and anthropology. King Hussein was accompanied by Prime Minister Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker and Royal Court Cheif Khaled Al Karaki.

## Biodiversity — a matter of survival

#### By Nazih Bandak

crops and domesticated animals. For example, without the genes from a wild species of Indonesian sugar cane, cane sugar produc-tion would not be feasible in the world today. In India and some African countries, cassava yields have been increased tenfold by rendering the crops more resistant to disease using genes from a wild species.

Although the geographical location of Jordan engenders great diversity, there is a decline in habitats that support the country's wild species. In Jordan, there is a heavy reliance on the use of agrochemicals in order to combat crop diseases and boost yields. While input of genetic material from the unspoiled natural environment can increase the ability of crops to withstand

pathogens, spraying chemicals, which often make the parasites and agents of plant diseases more resistant, leads to ever increasing dose requirements. A recent study by Cornell University indicated that for the last 45 years. pesticide application has increased worldwide by one million per cent, whereas crop losses due to pests have climbed by 20 per

Agenda 21, a product of a diligent effort by the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UN-CED), is a global blueprint for action to preserve the wild species of the world. In setting out the programme areas of the agenda, sight was set on the 21st century; hence the name. Although not legally binding,

threatens to weaken the species

Agenda 21 involves a political and moral commitment at the highest level for every country. It integrates the guidelines and recommendations that relate to the programmes and goals of both the environment and develop-

Preserving genetic diversity and promoting the sustainable utilisation of species and ecosystems is the only available recourse to mankind to maintain the essential ecological processes that support human life on this planet. We should regard the depletion of the variety of genes and species as a serious environmental problem and pay heed to biodiversity conservation as a survival-related issue.

There are numerous ways, contemplated worldwide, to curb the threat facing genetic resources and biological variation. Among these, the most viable option for doing so in Jordan lies in enclosing and protecting the remaining rich natural habitats and fostering the existing system of wildlife and nature reserves which spread across the Kingdom.

The writer is an environmental scientist with a local firm and former assistant director general of the Royal Society for the Conservation of Nature in Jordan, He. contributed this article to the Iordan Times



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#### Christopher does not expect go-ahead

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designed to arrange a summit etween President Bill Clinton ad Russian President Boris N. eltsin. It has high priority be-

eld off inviting Arabs and raelis to return to Washington

Mr. Christopher and Israeli rime Minister Yitzhak Rabin patriate all the 396 Palestinians om a tent encampent in Lebiton by the end of the year, and good."

about 100 of them immediately The U.N. Security Council last Friday called the agreement "a step in the right direction." Mr. Rabin declared an end to the crisis Sunday and Mr. Christopher told reporters Tuesday "we thought the action taken at the U.N. last Friday was a positive

But, he said, "before I get out to the region and talk to all the parties it would be somewhat presumptuous of me to conclude they (the peace talks) can begin

Mr. Christopher said, "I do

think the portents are very

Hanan Ashrawi, spokeswoman for the Palestinians, said Saturday the deal had "no validity" and represented "a blow to the integrity of the Security Council and another attempt at bailing

Israel out." Mr. Peres, posing for pictures with Mr. Christopher at the state department, said peace was in the

interest of all parties.

He said those who criticised Israel for not observing a council resolution opposing the expulsions should "pay attention" to the council's acceptance of the U.S.-Israeli compromise.

#### nuse of pressures on Mr. Yeit-

## The Clinton administration has

r peace talks. greed Feb. 1 on a compromise to

## Arab League condemns Israeli 'tyranny'

eace talks "The delegates strongly conemn the repressive Israeli pracses... the new Israeli methods of lowing up homes and emptying e land of its residents are a agrant violation of the simplest des of human and international Dr. Abdul Meguid said. Dr. Abdul Meguid also said at Israel's offer to repatriate )1 of the more than 400 Palestians it expelled on Dec. 17 and

return the rest by the end of the year does not comply fully with U.N. Security Council Resolution 799 that calls on the Jewish state to take all the men back

"We call for the implementation of the resolution and the diate return of all of them," Dr. Abdul Meguid said.

The Arab League delegates met to discuss the escalation of violence in the occupied West Bank and Gaza.

20-year-old Palestinian suspected

of leading a gang called the lack Panthers that attacked Israelis

and Arabs accused as collaborators, the army said.
The suspect, Usama Khaled

Silawi, was seized in the town of Jenin with a pistol and later sur-

rendered a sub-machinegun, an

army statement said. Israel army

radio said Silawi was a leader of

the Fatch faction in Jenin.

soldiers arrested a

#### lusseini: Israeli assertions insincere

(Continued from page 1) Several masked Palestinian meanwhile, tivists shook hands with Mr. usseini and fired guns in the air. me were from Palestinian facons supporting the peace pross, but others were from the pular Front for the Liberation

The backers of Hamas chanted nis is not peace, this is surren-In the occupied West Bank,

rrent negotiations.

Palestine, which opposes the

## Hekmatyar

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peace broker, retired Lieutenant-General Hamid Gul, who helped to guide the Mujahedeen to victory last year against the Sovietinstalled government.

A Defence Ministry

man in Kabul accused Hezb-e-Islami of the violations and said the government had extended its ceasefire "to an unknown date." The radical Hekmatyar has

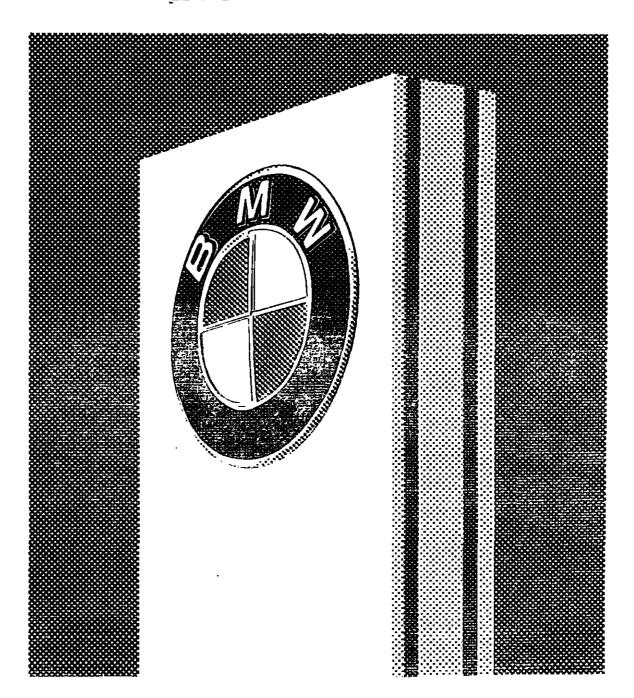
rowed to unseat fundamentalist President Burhanuddin Rabbani, ccusing him of rigging his election by an assembly of nationwide ates last December.

Mr. Hekmatyar said he would accept any leader, including Mr. Rabbani, if he came to power in a national election.

"We are prepared to deliver our heavy weapons to any Islamic government acceptable to all parties," he said, effectively ruling out a peace with the controversial

He said he had no preconditions for talks, but insisted on an interim government for a year and elections at the end of that time.

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## 'alestinians seek compromise deal

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Alestinian participation in the cace talks. Iraq had previousblasted the peace process as "sell-out of the Palestinian

During a trip to Baghdad nd Cairo earlier this month, LO officials said, the chairm also found initial willingess from the two sides toards reconciliation and mend lateral relations which were verely damaged following . . Gulf crisis. Mr. Arafat's diation efforts and Baghd's blessing of the peace ocess were described by a 5.5. O insider as "a blow to the position camp, most of om are based in a country ria) that is interested in tinuing negotiations with el with or without the

ut the Palestinian leadip, PLO insiders said, has re exceptionally cautious erds Hamas in how it handhe expulsion crisis.

f the PLO decides to leave :victees stranded in south-Lebanon and decides to inue negotiations with I, Hamas would certainly more support in the stinian street," said a ainian analyst.

the other side, the PLO

o cope with pressure from

its Arab partners in the peace talks before Mr. Christopher arrives in the area to jumpstart the negotiations. Syria and Lebanon have stated their intention of continuing the peace talks regardless of the outcome of the expulsion crisis.

Jordan, however, has rejuested that the U.S. refrain from sending it an invitation to the negotiations until the evictees' crisis is resolved. But Jordanian fears over Israel's focus on the Syrian track of the negotiations could press the Kingdom to attend, isolating. the Palestinians, analysts added. Palestinian officials have also complained that its Arab partners, mainly Syria, have avoided holding a coordination meeting of their foreign ministers before Mr. Christopher's Mideast tour.

Some PLO officials, however, told the Jordan Times that regardless of Arab and U.S. pressures, the Palestinians will most likely, or at least should, boycott the next round of talks if a better deal for the evictees

is not provided. "There is nothing further to lose if we boycott the talks even if the rest of the Arabs attend," said a PLO official on

condition of anonymity. Mr. Abed Rabbo, meanwhile, criticised what he descirbed as Israel's "aim of intentionally delaying any prog-ress on the Palestinian track of the negotiations with the purpose of implementing (Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak) Rabin's scheme to normalise relations with the Arab coun-

Struggling to make the "right" decision on how to cope with expulsion crisis and the peace talks, sources close the PLO leadership said, Mr. Arafat was "strongly advised not to accept any deal which is not guaranteed to succeed on

These sources revealed that during Mr. Arafat's recent visit to Cairo, Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak offered a deal whereby Israel would immediately return 170 of the evictees and the rest would be transferred to Israel's selfdeclared "security zone" in South Lebanon for six months. Apparently, Mr. Arafat was cautious and asked for a clarification on Mr. Rabin's position on this offer before taking a decision. Mr. Rabin had reected the deal after hearing it, but the sources said that this rejection appeared aimed at paving the way to make it acceptable to the Palestinians

But such a deal, some compromise-seekers within the PLO said, could be enough for the Palestinians to resume its negotiations.

# Organisers plan Polgar-Short match after defeat of Spassky

BUDAPEST (AP) — There were not splashy celebrations Monday for 16-year-old chess whiz Judit Polgar for her win over former world champion Boris Spassky. instead, she trained as organisers planned her next match.

Ms. Polgar, the world's top ranked woman chess player, clinched the 10-game series Sunday by holding the Russian to a draw in the ninth game. They play their anal game Tuesday.

When the ninth game ended. the audience of 200 in the baliroom of the Intercontinental Hotel stood and applauded Ms. Polgar and Spassky, who both appeared exhausted after seven hours of clay. The two acknowledged the

crowd but seemed more intorested in discussing their moves, chatting easily in English. Spassky, 40 years older than Ms. Polgar, said he would have to 20 over the game more to analyse how she managed a draw despite

his advantage of a queened pawn.

LONDON (R) — England, pre-paring for the biggest footballing

feast of their lives in a World Cup

qualifier against San Marino

Wednesday, have been rendered

toothless by injuries to their lead-

er in doubt, nor the most impor-

tant target, for manager Graham

once, is how many goals they will

In European qualifying Group

Two that may be decided on goal

difference, leaders Norway's 10-0

thrashing of San Marino is the

yardstick other teams have to

: Taylor, aiready without Alan.

Shearer, the season's leading

goalscorer who replaced Gary

Lineker in the England team.

fears he may also lose Arsenal's

in-form striker Ian Wright to

Shorn of injured back-up strik-

ers Alan Smith and David Hirst. Taylor is faced with fielding a

highly inexperienced front line for a match England must win by

a huge score against an amateur side without a point and only two

goals in 11 competitive interna-

score - and, more worryingly,

What is of greatest concern, for

Taylor and his players.

who will provide them.

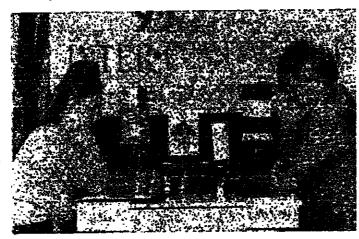
measure themselves by.

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That England will win is neith-



16-year-old Judit Polgar (left) and former chess World Champion Boris Spassky continue their ninth match at the chess tournament. Polgar leads 5-3 (AFP photo)

Ms. Polgar she had only one aim: to win the last match Tuesday, even though the series is

The Hungarian teen-ager stayed away from reporters Mon-

England prepare for goal

feast without top strikers

Uncapped Les Ferdinand, who

has scored 12 goals for Queen's

Park Rangers but managed just

three in his last 17 matches, has

already been told he will play in

place of Shearer, who is out for

the rest of the season with a

If Wright recovers from a groin

strain he will play alongside Fer-

dinand in a partnership without

Taylor's other options are

an international goal to their cre-

Sheffield United's Brian Deane,

without a goal in three interna-

tionals, or Liverpool's John

Barnes, with a strike rate of 10 in

But David Platt, the Juventus midfielder with 12 goals, prom-ises England will be merciless in

"We must keep going for goals throughout the whole 90 minutes.

Teams like San Marino are there

to be beaten heavily and we have

got take our chance in case the

Expectations of a rout are high

and England's biggest world cup

scoreline, 9-0 against Luxembourg in 1960, is within reach in

an intimidating . Wembley sta-

"Everyone is expecting a crick-

et score," said Ferdinand. "If everyone plays to the best of their

ability we can reach that cricket

San Marino, with just two pro-

fessionals in their side and who

have conceded 49 goals in their 11

world Cup and European Cham-

pionship matches, have no illu-

"If we let in just four goals or

less against England, it will be a

very good result for us. But it will

be hard for me. We are a young side lacking experience," said goalkeeper Pier Luigi Benedetti-

Bergkamp and Jonk join Inter

MILAN (R) -- Italian First Division club Internazionale Monday signed Dennis Bergkamp and Wim Jonk from Ajax Amsterdam for more than \$14 million. The Dutch pair will join Inter for next season on three-year

Inter spokesman Thomas Villa said his club had paid 15 billion lire (\$9.7 million) for striker Bergkamp and around seven billion lire (\$4.5 million) for his less

Bergkamp, coveted by a host

of top European clubs, had been expected to join either Turin club

Juventus or move to Spain with

Juventus said they did not want

celebrated clubmate.

ence," he said.

their quest for a goal feast.

cruciate knee ligament injury.

day. She was in training with her father, Laszlo Polgar, whose three daughters have reached international chess stature.

to get involved in an auction with

"Inter met all my demands

The most important thing for me

was the stadium, the people at

the 23-year-old Bergkamp said in

Jonk, a defensive midfielder,

"We reached agreement at the

weekend. It's nice for both of us

to move together. That way we

can have more influence on the

Inter won their 13th Italian

championship in 1989 but have

been overshadowed by local riv-

als AC Milan in recent seasons.

team," Jonk, 26, said.

had been linked with Inter in

press reports in recent days.

the club and their style of play.

rival clubs.

the Netherlands.

Ms. Polgar's win Sunday. in which she played black, gave her

5.5 points, ensuring a 110.000 share of the \$200,000 purse provided for the match by Yugoslav banker Jezdimir Vasiljevic.

Meanwhile, organisers made plans for her to play Nigel Short, this year's challenger for the world chess crown.

Ms. Polar is widely seen as a potential contender for the world title that Garryt Kasparov will defend against Short, a Briton, later this year.

Vasiljevic, who promoted the Spassky Doddy Fischer series in Yugoslavia last Fall that Fischer won, has offered to put up 5.6 million to host the Kasparov-Short match for the world crown in Sofia, Bulgaria, next fall. Vasiljevic is also willing to put up more than \$200,000 to see Ms.

Polgar challenge Short in May, said Janos Kudat, organiser of the Polgar-Spassky match. Ms. Polgar last year became the youngest international grandmaster in history, beating by one month the mark previously set by Fischer, who had won the world crown by beating Spassky in

"Judit is playing incredibly well," Ludos Kavalek, a Czechborn grandmaster, told the daily Mai Nap. "She is not afraid of anybody."

Lawyer says

to new trial

**Tyson entitled** 

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — The

judge in the trial of the Mike

Tyson's rape case made several

technical mistakes and the former

heavyweight champion should get

a new trial, his lawyer argued

Defence lawyer Alan Dersho-

witz told the Indiana Court of

Appeals that jurors in the case

should not have been allowed to

hear a tape ecordin of a tele-phone call that Desiree Washing-

ton made to report the assault.

ses the defence claims can contra-

dict part of Washington's testi-

mony should also have been

order a new trial or let Tyson's

conviction and 6-year sentence

stand, did not say when it would

Marion Superior Court Judge

Patricia J. Gifford barred the

three from testifying, ruling in

part that they came forward too

ate. Dershowitz told the appeals

court that his defence team was

delayed by spending extra time

with the witnesses to make sure

they were truthful.

"It is unfair to punish Mike

Tyson because his lawyers acted in good faith," Dershowitz said.

Dershowitz also argued that the judge erred by not letting

jurors consider whether Tyson

mistakenly believed Washington

And the appeal questions the judge's selection, charging prosecutors manipulated court

assignments to place the case before a sympathetic judge.

Arguing for the state, Chief

Deputy Attorney General Lawr-

ence M. Reuben, said Dersho-

witz was trying to district the appeals judges from the legal issues at hand.

consented to sex.

The appeals court, which could

allowed, Dershowitz argued.

have a decision.

Testimony from three witnes-

## Jordan wins team event in Oman Equestrian Tourney

AMMAN (J.T.) — Her Royal Highness Princess Haya Bint Al Hussein Tuesday led the Jordanian national team to the teams 'overall cup in the Oman Equestrian Tournament. Oman came in second place, the United Arab Emirates finished third, while Bahrain was disqualified in the first

Jordan's Hani Bisharat took first place in the speed and stamina competition in which 42 competitors took part.



## Al Faisali bow out of soccer championship

By Aleen Bannayan Special to the Jordan Times AMMAN — Jordan's Al

Faisali Tuesday bowed out of the 8th Arab Soccer League Champions' Tournament after losing 2-0 to Saudi Arabia's Al Shabab in the semifinal match played at Hamad International Stadium in Doha, Qatar.

The two teams had only one aim in mind — to secure the win and qualify for Thursday's

Qatar's Al Arabi, who beat Egypt's Al Ismaili 1-0 in the other semifinal will now play Al Shabab in the final match. Al Shabab's Fahed Muhallal scored his team's first goal from a corner kick in the 16th minute. Al Faisali's reserve goalkeeper, Anis Shafiq, substituted for Milad Abbasi who had suffered a back injury in the previous match against Egypt's Al Ismaili.

Mohallal led his team's attacks which were effectively hindered by Al Faisali's de-

Meanwhile Al Faisali's iryes Tadros, Subhi Awad and Khaled Awad mounted unrelenting attacks but their long overhead passes were inaccurate and were thus intercepted by Al Shabab's players.

Jamai Abu Abed and Subhi Suleiman had two possible scoring chances in the final



ended 1-0 for Al Shabab. In the first seconds of the second half, Al Faisali lost the efforts of one of their players, as Ihab Naser got a red card for tackling a striker just outside the penalty box.

up a big effort as he blocked three serious consecutive chances for Al Shabab's key striker Mohallal.

Al Faisali's players were slow compared to their opponents who managed to score their second goal by Awwad Al Oneizi in the 87th minute and secured their place in the final.

#### Al Faisali had their best chances in the fourth minute, as Subhi Suleiman and Mousa Awad hit long shots to the left and right of Al Shabab's alert goalkeeper. Al Faisali's goalkeeper, put

## Japan adopts suddendeath in soccer league

that fans may be bored by draws J-League Tuesday. in their new soccer league, are going ahead with plans to use sudden-death and penalty shoot-

outs to decide all games.

draws that soccer fans get

"Throughout the world, there are so many games ending in

'We made the decision after

# TOKYO (R) — Japan, worried bored," said a spokesman for the

"The sudden-death system should give more excitement to soccer fans," he added.

receiving approval from FIFA as a test case," said the spokesman.

## Andy Capp

Dennis Bergkamp

built around the Dutch trio of

Marco Van Basten, Ruud Gullit

and Frank Rijkaard, currently

lead second-placed Inter by nine

points in the league and look

destined for their second succes-

Bergkamp is seen as the heir to

Van Basten's crown as Europe's

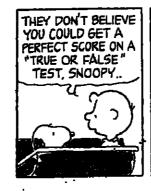
leading striker. He has scored 12

goals in just 19 internationals.





#### **Peanuts**

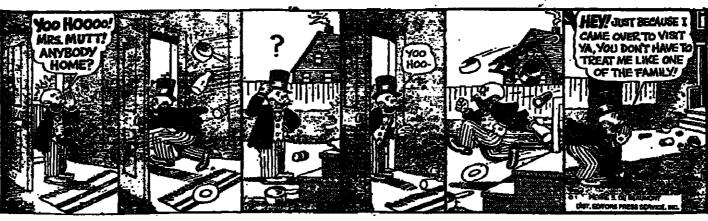


SO YOU KNOW WHAT THEY WANT YOU TO DO? THEY WANT YOU TO TAKE AN ESSAY TEST.





#### Mutt'n'Jeff



#### HOROSCOPE

FORECAST FOR WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 17, 1993

By Thomas S. Pierson, Astrologer, Carroll Righter Foundation

GENERAL TENDENCIES: News that comes from upstairs today is likely to be aftered shortly. This day can be effective in helping you to see how you're tripping

ARIES: (March 21 to April 19) Steer clear from taking up property or financial needs today and instead concentrate upon studying various ways to have a greater peace of mind. TAURUS: (April 20 to May 20)

Your own material desires are not to be pushed into actual execution but instead consider the motivations in back of your plans of

GEMINI: (May 21 to June 21) All kind of anxieties if allowed to build up in your consciousness can upset

MOON CHILDREN: (June 22 to July 21) You have some practical desire you think you can gain by a positive approach and activity on your part today but many obstacles can be in the way.

LEO: (July 22 to August 21) Whatever you wish to do of a public nature today has best be left un-done until a more propitious day when it will be easier to handle.

VIRGO: (August 22 to September

22) A day which can be a dis-appointment to you if you try to

extend your interests and activities in new directions so build up present situations.

LIBRA: (September 23 to October 22) You would certainly be wise today not to depend upon your intuitions since they are inclined to be way off so mull over decisions to

SCORPIO: (October 23 to November 21) Don't try to be out in the social or whirl or public eye today for people about will be very critical and it will take sometime to repair the damage.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 22 to December 21) You now find tasks and duties a big bore and rightly so and you can get through today and tonight best by good reading, music, TV, radio, etc...

CAPRICORN: (December 22 to January 20) This is not the time-when entertainments and recreations are as agreeable as usual so don't expect too much and engage in more simple delights.

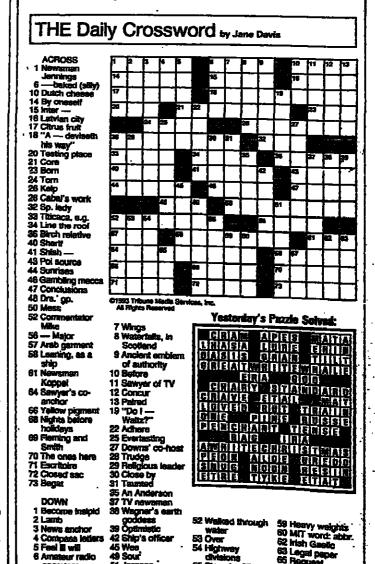
AQUARIUS: (January 21 to February 19) Relax and rest and take the problemtical aspects in your stride today and tonight or otherwise you can get frantic and cause upheavals

PISCES: (February 20 to March 20) You find you need to be careful today that you do not get your feelings hurt by those who are not as sensitive as yourself so keep



so he tried to improve his lips on a Nautilus machine."

## JIMINET THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words. **TANEC VUSEA** HUCHAN WHAT THE BABY SITTER COLLECTED. PLOMYC Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as sug-Jumbles: COMET HOIST ALIGHT GOVERN Answer: Where the sopreno mermaid splash—IN THE HIGH C'S



Q.3-As South, vulnerable, you **∳A87632 TAKQ ∵A63 <b>∳**7

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What do you bid now?

**GOREN BRIDGE** WITH OMAR SHARIF & TANNAH HIRSCH

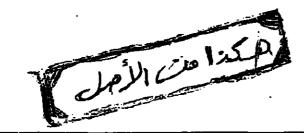
WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q.4-Both vulnerable, as South Q.1-Both vulnerable, as South ±83 ♥Q72 ♥K852 ±Q762 The bidding has proceeded: 4J9762 785 AK1093 47 Partner opens the bidding with one spade. What do you respond? North East South West

1 Pass 1 NT Pass 3 7 Pass 7 Q.2-Both vulnerable, as South What do you bid now? 2J9762 783 AK1093 47 The bidding has proceeded: South West North East Pass Pass 1 4 Pass Q.5-Both vulnerable, as South you hold: **4KQJ93** ∇AKJ85 The bidding has proceeded:
South West North East
1 & Pass 1 NT Pass
3 Pass 3 & Pass What do you bid now?

What do you bid now? Q.6-As South, vulnerable, you **♦K93** ♥**K8** ♦**984 ♦AKQJ10** Your right-hand opponent opens with a weak two hearts. What ac-

tion do you take?



## Saudi finance minister sees Gulf Arabs repatriating capital



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Egyptian Pound

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BAHRAIN (R) - Gulf Arabs, financial assets previously held in who hold more than \$100 billion in Western and Japanese banks. will switch their funds back home as lucrative local investment opportunities appear, Saudi Finance Minister Mohammad Abal Khail said Tuesday.

Gulf Arab investors emerged from the war with Iraq with renewed confidence that has already brought significant capital repatriation to the region, he

dence of significant capital repatriation rather than capital flight... since early in 1991," he told an economic conference in Bahrain. Sheikh Abal Khail cited figures from the Bank for International Settlements (BIS) showing Saudi

flexible than even the most optimistic projections could have Speaking at the conference organised by the Bahrain inprivate investors alone repatriated more than \$10 billion in cial information group Telerate, he said "perhaps some have not yet appreciated that local inves-

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confidence. Saudi banks, for example, had ncreased domestic private sector lending in every quarter of the past two-and-a-half years, with several increasing their lending more than three-fold since June 1990, he said.

Western and Japanese banks in

Referring to the BIS figure of

\$100 billion in private Gulf hold-

ings in the banks of developed

countries, he said that "as we

have seen recently in Saudi Ara-

bia and elsewhere, these funds

will return to the region when

He called on foreign companies

Sheikh Abal Khail said the

Gulf crisis proved Gulf econo-

mies "to be enormously more

rmation ministry and the finan-

tors have emerged from this

period with a renewed sense of

good local investment opportuni-

to invest in joint ventures with GCC firms to take advantage of

ties present themselves.

the Gulf boom

the 18 months to June 1992.

He said Şaudi bank deposits declined in the third quarter of 1990, immediately after the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait.

then a sharp recovery set in by the second quarter of 1991."

Another pointer to the economic boom cited by Sheikh Abal Khail was the proliferation of new issues of the Saudi stock

Beginning in 1991, we have had a major new stock issue floated, on average, every six to eight weeks, and all issues have been heavily over-subscribed," he.

'While various areas in the world are faced with a lack of financial resources available for investment (Gulf states) fortunately have ample financial resources for new investment," he said, adding that the expanding Gulf market could well support

Bahrain Finance Minister Ihrahim Abdul Karim said first estimates put real economic growth the six states of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) at three to four per cent compared with the declines of the previous two years.

He told the conference forecasts for 1993 put real growth substantially higher at five to six per cent even if there was only a modest increase in the price of oil, the main source of wealth of the GCC states - Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab

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LIVESTOCK & POULTRY	52,597	1.070	1.040	1.070
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# Minister unveils new path to boost Jordan's growth

Special to the Jordan Times

overturhs all previous priorities the gross domestic product. and strategies and ushers the

Speaking at the sixth monthly economic forum organised by the Jordanian Businessmen Associa- ter said. tion, Dr. Fariz told a large group of prominent businessmen and senior government officials that 1989 was the year when the country had to change its economic pointed out.

Until 1989, he said, Jordanian governments always adopted the industrial sector is the only policies to lure investors into one which can create large emsetting up and expanding importsubstitute industries which required various forms of protection at different stages.

To enable import-substitute industries pass the stage of initial production and then to ensure that these industries were able to fulfill the local market needs, Dr. Fariz explained, various governments were entangled in all kinds of protection measures ranging from a total ban on some imports to imposing high customs on others to curb their inflow and to allow local industries to prosper.

Dr. Fariz said the old economic policies were not all that bad because, at the time, the industrial sector grew and its share in the gross domestic product increased from five per cent to 15 per cent by the late 1980s. But, the planning minister pointed out, these policies did not succeed in curbing imports which kept on swelling.

The planning minister said that as a result, the deficit in the balance of payments soared and, coupled with declining remittances from Jordanian expatriates and shrinking financial Arab aid, many problems surfaced and the structural distortions in the Kingdom's economy were exposed. Prices went up by 26 per cent in

1989, the budget deficit reached 21 per cent of the gross domestic

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AMMAN — Planning Minister product, the foreign debt surged Ziyad Fariz Monday night un- to \$7.7 billion and, according to veiled the main features of Jor- Dr. Fariz, debt service swallowed dan's new 5-year economic plan 56 per cent of Jordan's total (1993-1997) which, in essence, exports or more than a third of

The 1989 economic upheaval Kingdom into a totalty different therefore heralded a new era whereby an adjustment programme was adopted and a new economic vision emerged, the minis

core element for the country's sustained growth was seen as being in industrial exports, he

Dr. Fariz said emphasis was laid on industrial exports because ployment opportunities and because this sector can be the driving force to other sectors, mainly the services linked to industrial

But, since the Jordanian market alone would not be able to give the industrial sector the required boost and the potential to absorb large numbers of jobseekers who enter the labour market at a rate of 40,000 a year. the minister emphasised that the required industrial growth needs expanding market outlets where Jordanian industrial products can gain footholds through better quality and cheaper prices.

As such, he noted, production would increase and efficiency would improve. Dr. Fariz was, however, quick

to pinpoint that the fortunes of the industrial sector would not increase in an economic climate of high inflation and subsequent higher costs of industrial inputsand higher wages

He stressed that financial and monetary stability were prerequisites to ensure a sound climate to attract investments and boost

Against this background, the 5-year-economic plan envisages a six per cent annual growth on the average, a reduction in the budget deficit of no more than five per cent of the gross domestic



Zivad Fariz

product and a balance in the current account of the balance of ing the budget deficit, the governpayments at the end of the ment's needs for banking credit would be less and therefore the Other targets in the plan inprivate sector would have more

1. Reducing the foreign debt

from 141 per cent of the gross of funds would decrease and condomestic product in 1992 to 100 sequently, the pricing level would per cent at the end of 1997; Keeping price stability within

four per cent range per year. 3. Creating 231,000 new jobs and lowering unemployment from 17 per cent in 1991 to 9.2 per cent by 1997.

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Dr. Fariz, reiterating the government's keenness to pursue the interests of the private sector. affirmed the government's determination to gradually relinquish its role in the economy and called on the private sector to live up to its national responsibilities. The minister told the business-

men that many policies and structures currently being formulated, like the sales tax draft, are being criticised when in fact they all work to the benefit of the private sector in the long term. Dr. Fariz responded to some

Enough for protection ...

new employment opportunities," remarks that blamed the govern-The planning minister stressed ment for failing to give the indust-rial sector a real 30-50 per cent be able to recruit many more be able to recruit many more customs protection saying: job-seekers in the future and that

funds for its utilisation.

remain relatively stable.

Moreover, he added, the cost

The minister made it clear that

current international trade prac-

tices were moving away from the

old style of trade protocols to-

wards freeing commerce at large

and, as such, Jordanians should

seek external markets where they

can compete freely with better

area which he saw as sup-

plementary to the new industrial

concept. He said that Jordanians

had been accustomed for so many

years to view the government and

the import business as the main

bodies involved in services and

this concept was a major problem

in Jordan's economic structure.

the coming years is shifting the

services sector to service the ex-

port drive and, as a result, create

"What we will be striving for in

Dr. Fariz expanded on another

quality at cheaper prices.

the new government role would enough inefficiency." be in enhancing the investment "Had it been left to me, I climate, eliminating administrabe in enhancing the investment would not have given even that tive bottlenecks and providing much protection," he elaborated. supportive services only.

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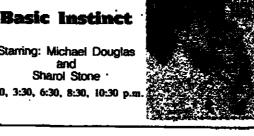
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**Prince Charles** 

gives woman 'royal'

MEXICO CITY (AP) - Jovita

Loperena received a royal gift on

her 65th birthday Monday - a

visit to her Mexico City home and

a kiss from Britain's Prince

Charles. In return Mrs. Loperena

served up a tasty plate for Prince

Charles of "barbacoa," a tradi-

tional Mexican lamb dish. "It's

not welsh lamb, is it?" joked the Prince of Wales as he downed

two large forks full. "I thought it would be full of chiles. I'm glad

it's not." Prince Charles visited

Ms. Loperena's housing project

on the first official day of his visit

to Mexico. The two storey. 8 apartment complex was built to

replace a run down building des-

troyed by Mexico City's devastat-

ing 1985 earthquake. The prince

also got flowers and kisses from 5

vear old Gloria Ezquivel. Ms.

Luperena's grand-daughter. Prince Charles wished Ms.

Luperena "feliz cumpleanos," or

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP)

- To the folks aboard the Regal

Princess, he's the guy out jogging

on the deck at 7 a.m., the fellow

in the bar before dinner, the man

who hugged the couple renewing

happy birthday in Spanish.

**Bush lives it up** 

on sea cruise

birthday present



## 4 dead, 120 injured in Colombia blasts

EOGOTA (AP) - Two car bombs shattered a busy downtown district Monday, killing four propie and injuring more than 120 as glass rained from skycrapers and survivors groped through thick smoke. Twenty cars were destroyed and dozens of stores were severely damaged. Windows were broken in an area about a half-mile square, AP photographer Ricardo Mazalan said at the scene. The office of President Cesar Gaviria blamed the bombings on drug traffickers in a communique calling the blasts "proof of the murderous mentality of the drug trafficking

Medellin cartel leader Pablo Escobar by name, but Mr. Gaviria has attributed other recent car bombines to the Medellin cartel boss. Smoke cut visibility to a few yards (metres) at both bomb sites, which were about eight blocks apart. The injured stumbled around blindly, crying out for help. Others ran about screaming as they sear-ched for loved ones and friends, Mr. Mazalan said. The photograph shows Colombian policemen carry away the body of a woman killed by the explosion of one of the car bombs (AFP photo)

## Angolan civilians flee battle-torn Huambo

LISBON (R) — The Angolan government has accused the rebel movement UNITA of killing more than 1,000 civilizes as they Red a fierce battle in the central city of Huambo.

Angolan state radio said Monday night that UNITA had rained more than 2,000 artillery shells on Huambo over the last two days, forcing civilians to flee from the devastated city, which once had a population of half a million.

The radio, monitored by the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC), said those travelling west towards the nearby town of Caala' had been attacked by UNITA fighters and more than i.000 had been killed.

A major battle has been raging between government forces and UNITA in Huambo for the past six weeks and it h become the centre-pierce of Angola's renewed civil war.

Diplomats said UNITA (National Union for the Total Independence of Angola) appeared to be on the verge of outnight victory in Huambo last week, but government forces regained some jost ground there at the weekend.

Few independent reports have emerged of the fighting which according to the government has killed more than 6,000 people and reduced much of Angola's second city to rubble.

Relief agencies have begged for a trace to allow food and medicine to reach the civilian population in Huambo, where dead bodies litter the streets and water and electricity supplies, have broken down.

But UNITA has turned down the request, saying the government would only use a temporary ceasefire to reinforce its tenuous position in Huambo.

One man who had flown over Huambo in a helicopter was quoted as saying that even from the air the city stand of rotting

Diplomats say the government and UNITA have both rushed reinforcements to Huambo in recent days, leading to a full in fighting around other cities in the interior.

But UNITA's radio station Vorgan reported renewed clashes in Cute, 150 kilometres cast of Huambo, Monday.

It said UNITA forces had repelled a government attempt to

recapture the city's airport. UNITA and the ruling MPLA (Popular Movement for the Li-

peration of Angola) signed a peace agreement in 1991 to end 16 years of civil war in the former Portuguese colony.

But the accord crumbled after UNITA rejected its defeat by the MPLA in U.N.-supervised elections last September.

UNITA began seizing towns in the interior shortly afterwards and the two sides returned to full-scale war at the end of December when the government tried to smash UNITA's presence

in the main cities. The two sides held a round of U.N.-sponsored peace talks in Addis Ababa in late January, but LINITA called off a second round in the Ethiopian capital planned for last week.

**WORLD NEWS IN BRIEF** 

#### Sri Lanka rebels hold 4,000 prisoners

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP) - Tamil Tiger rebels are holding about 4,000 people in Nazi like prison camps in northern and eastern Sri Lanka, according to a new human rights report. Some prisoners are tortured and beaten to death by wardens who are selected on "distinctions of cruelty and blind obedience" to the rebel leadership. University of Teachers for Human Rights (Jaffna) said in its 10th report. The prisons include small underground bunkers and large jungle camps run by sadistic guards, said the 70 page study, obtained Tuesday by the Associated Press. "The whole pattern of camps and the meticulous administration of the system give the appearance of being consciously drawn from films and books about the Nazi and Stalinist prison complexes," the report says.

#### Queen Elizabeth accepts tabloid settlement

LONDON (AP) - Queen Elizabeth II has accepted the £200,000 (\$284,000) offer of the Sun newspaper as settlement of a lawsuit over early publication of her Christmas message. The brash tabloid made its offer and published a front page letter of apology to the queen in Monday editions. It insisted it had done nothing wrong, but rival papers crowed about the Sun's retreat from its recent insistence that it would fight the monarch through the courts. "Her Majesty is content to regard the matter as settled since the making of the payment by the newspaper must be seen as recognising the basis of the claim." Buckingham Palace said. The Sun also agreed to pay costs of the action, a palace spokesman said, but he would not reveal the amount. Half the money would go to the Save The Children Fund, and the rest would go to the Leonard Cheshire Foundation, the palace spokesman said anonymously. The charity, which runs homes for the disabled was the subject of part of the Christmas broadcast.

#### N. Korea rejects nuclear inspections

PARIS (R) -- North Korea refused point blank Tuesday to admit international inspectors to two suspected nuclear sites and accused the United States of spreading rumours about its atomic programme to destabilise the country. "We will not tolerate anyone, whoever they are, touching a tree or a stone of our sacred earth unless they have the right to," the Communist country's envoy to France. Pak Dong Tchoun, said in an interview with Reuters. "The United States is trying to smear us as a pretext to attack us, isolate us, choke us and strangle the popular socialism we built up with our own strength." he added.

#### Slovak parliament elects president

BRATISLAVA. Slovakia (AP) - Parliament elected Michal Kovac, a 62-year-old banker, as newly independent Slovakia's first president Monday, breaking a deadlock that had threatened to destabilise the government. Mr. Kovac, the only candidate, got 106 votes in the 150 member parliament. A three-fifths majority was required. Officials said there were no votes against Mr. Kovac among 140 deputies present. There were some abstentions and several invalid ballots. Mr. Kovac will be inaugurated for a five-year term on March 3. He was the nominee of Premier Vladimir Meciar's governing Movement for a Democratic Slova-kia, a party he helped found. Mr. Kovac was the last speaker of Czechoslovakia's federal parliament before the country split into separate Czech and Slovak states on Jan. 1.

#### **British soldier killed in Belfast**

BELFAST, Northern Irleand (AP) - Gunmen in a stolen car shot and killed an off-duty British soldier Monday night as he left his house in the heart of Protestant West Belfast, police said. The gunmen, lying in wait outside the soldier's house, opened fire about 8:15 p.m. (2015 GMT) as he stepped out his front door to walk to his mother-in-law's home nearby, police said. The soldier, a part-time member of the Royal Irish Regiment, was married, in his late 30s and the father of two children, police said. His name was not immediately released. The 8,000-strong regiment is locally recruited. Its mostly Protestant members are prime targets for the Irish Republican Army (IRA), which is into its 23rd straight year of a violent campaign to end British rule of Northern Ireland.

#### Killers of Mendes break out of Brazil jail

BRASILIA (R) - The convicted killers of environmental activist Chico Mendes escaped Monday from a prison in the western Amazon, Brazilian police said. Darli Alves Da Silva and his son, Darci, broke out of the Acre State Penitentiary in Rio Branco with seven other inmates, Acre Public Safety Director Americo Carneiro Par said. He said the inmates cut through bars on a window and fled early Monday morning. "There wasn't anybody hurt or any shooting or anything like that," Mr. Carneiro said. "At this point we don't know if they are armed." The Da Silvas were convicted in December 1990 of killing Mendes, an internationally recognised environmentalist and leader of Amazon

#### European officials discuss refugee crisis

BUDAPEST (AP) - Senior officials from 35 countries met Monday to hear pleas from Germany and Austria to stem illegal migration and a refugee wave that is threatening Western Europe. With millions seeking entry from the wrecked economies of post-Communist Eastern Europe, the former Soviet Union and the Third World, Western Europe faces a crisis it cannot control.

## **U.N. defies Bosnian Serbs** with second relief convoy

SARAJEVO (R) — A second U.N. convoy set out to take emergency supplies to starving Muslims in eastern Bosnia Tuesday, challenging Serbs who refuse to let the aid trucks roll through

The 10-truck U.N. convoy left from Belgrade for the 165kilometre journey to the Drina River crossing at Mali Zvornik, on the Serbian border with Bos-

Serbs waved the convoy, laden with 72 tonnes of food and medicine, through the border check point but U.N. officials were sceptical whether it would be permitted to reach its goal, the Muslim town of Gorazde. Four convoys from the U.N.

High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) have tried so far this year to get to Gorazde, under siege by Serbs. All have been turned back along the way.

Another 10-truck U.N. convoy

which left Sunday and is still stranded at the Mali Zvornik border crossing, with Serbs refusing to let them ferry relief supplies to the town of Cerska, where 25,000 Muslims are trapped by a Serb siege.

The UNHCR now appears determined to dispatch the convoys at regular intervals to try to put pressure on the Serbs to let relief supplies get through to some 100,000 Muslims trapped in towns and villages around eastern

Bosnia. The UNHCR has expressed increasing exasperation with the Serb militias for thwarting U.N. convoys from reaching their des-

Some Bosmian Serb leaders have said they want the trucks to pass unhindered but the local commanders object, saying it is tantamount to feeding their ene-

Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic warned the UNHCR that the convoys could come under shelling from forces loyal to the Muslim-led Bosnian government if they tried to pass

through eastern Bosnia. The Serb minority rebelled in April 1992 after Muslims and Crosts declared Bosnia's independence. More than 16,000 people have been killed in the en-

suing civil war. In the Bosnian capital Sarajevo shelling and shooting rocked the old town Tuesday.

Serbs and troops loyal to the Muslim-led government traded small arms and machine-gun fire in the western suburbs of Stup and Azici, where there has been heavy fighting over the past five

Stup and Azici are the last Bosnian-held suburbs west of the main highway linking Sarajevo with the airport. If they fall, the Serbs would have control of the road to the airport and be perched even more firmly on the doorstep of the capital.

A UNHCR official in Geneva sharply criticised the Bosnian government's decision last week to boycott distribution of aid until the besieged Muslim villages in eastern Bosnia are fed.

"Until the authorities in Sarajevo decide to stop playing politics with humanitarian aid and decide to stop depriving their own people of food for political reasons, we won't be able to the Adriatic Coast Tuesday. The deliver," Sylvana Foa told repor-

The U.N. relief supplies have been a vital lifeline for the city's 380,000 civilians, trapped in a 10-month Serb siege. U.N. officials in Sarajevo said

the airport storage areas were almost full, with no supplies moving into the city due to the boycott, and there would be no more room after a 22-truck convoy arrives later this week.

Meanwhile, an internal memo of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) in Zagreb, obtained by Reuters, has reported the agency's warehouse in Sarajevo was closed by government order

"During our telephone conversation of this morning with the officer in charge of the UNICEF office in Sarajevo, we were informed that our warehouse had been locked this morning by govemment order," read the memo dated last Friday.

A UNICEF spokeswoman in Geneva confirmed Tuesday that the Sarajevo warehouse was still sealed off, but just before the closing that powdered milk and other food had been distributed in the city. This should be enough for 6,200 babies and 5,000 pregnant and aursing mothers for

one month, she said. Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic, responding to an appeal from U.N. negotiator Cyrus Vance, agreed Monday to try to persuade Bosnian Serbs to

clear the way for relief convoys. In the neighbouring Republic of Croatia, rebel Serb gunners

United Nations opens talks in New York later in the day to try to stamp out the renewed violence in Croatia.

Croatian radio said one woman was injured in the town of Jankolovica and several Serb shells slammed into the region around the port of Zadar, on general alert during the night.

Serb artillery pounded areas around the towns of Turani, Pakostane and Biograd on the

There was minor fighting inland around Gospic and Osijek. the radio said, an ominous sign that the fighting could be spread-ing to other U.N.-protected Serb enclaves in Croatia.

Belgrade's Yugoslav News Agency (Tanjug) said two police-men in the Serb stronghold of Krajina were wounded Monday. one seriously, after coming under fire from a Croatian patrol in western Slavonija, near the town

of Okucani. Croat forces launched an offensive on Jan. 22, storming through a U.N. buffer zone near Zadar and breaking a year-old ceasefire with the Serbs.

Leaders of Croatia's Serbs who hold almost a third of the republic, were due to begin talks with U.N. mediators Tuesday in New

Goran Hadzic, president of a self-proclaimed Serb republic of Krajina in Croatia, said in New York that the international community must recognise the Serbs' right to self-determination or must protect the Serb enclave pounded Croatian positions along from the Croatian authorities.

Sen would be assessing first hand

the reasons for the deteriorating

relationship between the local governor and the U.N. Tran-

sitional Authority in Cambodia (UNTAC) which is overseeing

He said the prime minister

would try to ensure better coop-eration from local authorities.

eparations for elections.

their vows on Valentine's Day. The love boat seems to have drawn George Bush out of his post-inaugural shell, and many of the 1,500 passengers sharing his Caribbean cruise are enjoying rubbing shoulders with the expresident. "He's a nice guy. We met him in the bar one night," Paul Needham, a telephone technician from Jackson. N.J., said Monday night as 1 cruise ship was docked at pier + in old San Juan. Mr. Needham, 26, and his wife, Ellen, used their bar time to snap a picture of the former world leader, who has been press shy since he turned over the White House to Bill Clinton on

#### 'Terminator 2' shown in Sarajevo

SARAJEVO (AP) - After 10 months of siege, the first movie shown in Sarajevo was bound to ked house, even if people had to brave sniper fire to get to the theatre. But the reviews were mixed: The movie was Terminator 2. More than 100 people scrambled through a hole in a wall, across a playground and into the stage door of the old Obala theatre to watch the violent, sci-fi thriller about a boy being stalked by a robot assassin. On the way out, many people said the experience was hardly escapist. "We don't need that kind of film, because as soon as I walk out of this place. I will see it live," said a filmgoer who identified himself only as Mustafa. But Danijel Gradac, a 26-year-old lawyer, was just happy to be able to go to the movies. "It kind of proves that the city is not dead."

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#### Tokyo forms multilingual police squad

Treaty, but wanted the Social, Chapter included. The govern-ment regards the regulations as socialist inspired and inflating TOKYO (R) — Tokyo is to set up a multilingual police squad to cope with the growing number of international events taking place in Japan, a police spokesman said. The planned summit in July of the Group of Seven leading industrialised nations (G7) helped prompt the decision, he said. The 100-strong squad will comprise speakers of English. German, Chinese, Russian, Korean and Urdu. "(This move) is aimed not only at the Tokyo summit, but to help us cope with the rising number of foreigners visiting Japan, especially for con-ferences and the like," the spokesman said. The G7 leaders and their entourages are due in Tokyo for their annual summit from July 7 to 9. The G7 comprises Britain, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan and the United States.

#### N. Korea changes many telephone numbers

TOKYO (AP) - Isolated North Korea has changed many phone numbers since last October, causing confusion for foreign tele? phone callers, a Japanese phone company said Tuesday. A South Korean news report said the move might be aimed at discouraging telephone contact to stop sensitive information from stop sensure unormanon man-leaking. Hardline Communist North Korea aiready strictly controis all contacts with the outside world. Kokusai Denshin Denwa Co., (KDD) Japan's leading international telecommunications carrier, said North Korea notified it of the changes by telex.

#### Cambodia opposes power-sharing with Khmer Rouge common enemy, the Phnom Penh Mr. Kanharith said Mr. Hun

government.

PHNOM PENH (R) - The Phnom Penh government Tuesday said it would be dangerous to include the Khmer Rouge in a future government of national reconciliation, accusing the guerrilla faction of wanting to fight its way back to power in Cambodia.

The ultimate aim of the Khmer Rouge is to get back power by all means," Phnom Penh government spokesman Khieu Kanharith told a news "The Khmer Rouge have no

possibility to get power by peaceful ways - by means of election, that's why for sure they'll try to use violence and get back to clude all four main Cambodian presidency for him. political factions in a government

of unity would be "very risky", Mr. Kanharith said, adding that by rejecting the Cambodian peace agreement it signed in 1971, the Khmer Rouge had for-feited its political legitimacy.

The possibility of a four-way power sharing deal, a Khmer Rouge theme for at least five years, gained credence when raised last month by head of state Prince Norodom Sihanouk.

"With the Khmer Rouge, I am going to undertake patient and repeated negotiations in order to lead them in one way or another to not continue to partition effectively Cambodia and to reintegrate into the national community " Prince Sibanouk said in a statement released from Peking on Jan. 23.

"A national government of Cambodia with PDK (Khmer Rouge) participation is envisionad Prince S An informal proposal to in- has also mooted a U.S.-style PDK stand-·f Demo-

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a national election the U.N. peacekeeping operation in Cambodia is to hold from May 23-25 and has threatened a return to

It has rejected participation in

After taking power in 1975, the Khmer Rouge led by Pol Pot forcibly emptied Cambodia's main towns and cities and initiated a radical programme of Maoist-inspired ruralisation.

More than one million people died from execution, disease and starvation before the Khmer Rouge was driven from office by an invading Vietnamese army in 1979. Which

Phnom Penh Prime Minister Hun Sen Monday left for a threeday visit to the northwestern province of Battambang, scene of several human rights violations apparently perpetrated by local government authorities against rival political parties.

The first thing in his intention is to ask the governor and local authorities to improve their rela-tionship with UNTAC officials there despite some difficulties. "Secondly, to ask our local

authorities to provide better security to all the political offices U.N. sources said UNTAC has sought to remove the governor from office because of his in-

volvement in several attacks against opposition offices. Since last November more than 50 opposition party members have been killed and 30 wounded

the Social Chapter was dealt with

in a protocol to the treaty, the

Labour Party amendment was

The government would still try

to defeat the amendment just

for the sake of completeness and

Mr. Hurd's announcement re-

moved the government's latest

problem over the treaty, but was

likely to increase criticism that his

administration is weak and vacil-

Labour and the Liberal Demo-

crats support the Maastricht

irrelevant.

tidying," he added.

#### in political attacks countrywide. U.K. government to ignore likely defeat over EC treaty

I.ONDON (AP) — The government, threatened with defeat, has announced it will ratify the Maastricht Treaty on closer European union even if it loses a parliamentary vote.

in a statement greeted with howls of derision in the House of Commons, Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd said the Conservative government's legal advice had been wrong over a key clause dealing with Community-wide labour regulations.

The new advice, said Mr. Hurd, was that even if the government is defeated over its refusal to accept the regulations, known as the European Community's Social Chapter, Britain

can ratify the treaty.

Last month, Mr. Hurd's deputy, Foreign Office Minister Tristan Garel-Jones, said a defeat would make British ratification impossible, thus wrecking the entire treaty.

"I regret that the legal advice

heard fresh scandal allegations

against beleaguered former Pre-

mier Noboru Takeshita Tuesday,

the day before he is due in

parliament to testify again under

Shingeaki Isaka, a top execu-

tive of the now-defunct Heiwa

Sogo Bank, said he knew of a

plan in 1985 to make a big cash payment to Mr. Takeshita, then

the finance minister, under the

cover of the sale of a gold screen.

News reports have said the

affair left Mr. Takeshita, who

became prime minister in 1987

but quit two years later after

being linked to an influence-

peddling scam, wide open to

Prosecutors investigated the

Heiwa Sogo case for years before

closing their files in 1992. Legal

experts said there was now no

way law-enforcers could establish

Mr. Takeshita appears in par-

liament Wednesday to face

another grilling by his peers, the

third in as many months.

blackmail.

the whole truth.

then given to the House was not correct," said Mr. Hurd. "...We have made a mistake." The treaty, which only Britain

and Denmark have not yet rati-fied, must be endorsed by every member of the 12 nation European Community — either by a public vote or by legislation. Mr. Major has refused to have a referendum, saying the treaty

was part of his government's election platform and should be dealt with by parliament. The Labour Party accused Prime Minister John Major's

administration of "riding rough-shod over the decisions of the Russell Johnson, European affairs spokesman for the Liberal

Democrats, which backed Labour, taunted Mr. Hurd: "Is the simple point not that 'if there is a political will, there's a legal

The Labour Party has put for-

denied taking any payments from

Heiwa Sogo Bank, which was

later absorbed by Sumitomo

Bank after failing to restructure

After Tuesday's court testi-

mony, the former premier's office

expressed annoyance at Mr. Isa-

ka's "unsubstantiated allegation"

and said Mr. Takeshita was con-

sidering taking legal action

Mr. Isaka, 66, told Tokyo Dis-

trict Court the money earmarked

for Mr. Takeshita was part of the

proceeds of a fraudulent deal that

netted a profit of 3.5 billion yen

Mr. Isaka was then the auditor

of Heiwa Sogo Bank, which was

struggling to buy back some of its

own shares previously snapped

He is charged with corporate

Mr. Isaka told the court Heiwa

Sogo became convinced it could

get the shares back by entering

into a complex arrangement with

breach of trust by misappropriating Heiwa Sogo funds. He has

denied the charges.

Mr. Takeshita, 68, has strongly an art dealer to buy a gold folding

up by a speculator company.

(\$29.1 million at 1993 rates).

its faltering business.

against him.

ward an amendment to the ratification bill seeking to remove a special provision that allows Britain to opt out of the Social

Chapter. Mr. Major's slim 21-seat overall majority in the 650 member Commons appeared likely to crumble before a coalition of opposition parties and a couple of dozen right-wing conservative re-

The government rebels dislike the Social chapter, but saw the issue as their best chance of wrecking the treaty. The vote is due in mid-March

Until Monday's announcement, Mr. Major had turned the issue into a trial of strength apparently hoping to frighten off rebels in a vote that could have threatened his government's sur-

However, Mr. Hurd told the Commons that the government's

labour costs. The treaty provides for closer cooperation on foreign policy and security policy and has a timetable — now widely regarded as unrealistic — for a common

European currency by the end of top legal officers now said that as Takeshita named in court

#### screen worth 500 million yen(\$4.2 million) for four billion yen (\$33.3 million). The dealer, Toshinari Manabe, proposed to pay a total of 1.5 billion yen (\$12.5 million) from

return for his Heiwa Sogo shares, Mr. Isaka said. News reports have said another part of the profits was to go to buy Heiwa Sogo political influ-

Mr. Isaka told the court: "For Heiwa Sogo to restructure, gaining the consent of the Finance Ministry was an utmost necessary condition... and I wanted Mr. Noboru Takeshita's... under-

standing."
Mr. Isaka told the court he recalled seeing a memorandum from Mr. Manabe which he believed showed the intended destination of the money. He said Mr. Manabe had writ-

ten that 1.5 billon yen (\$12.5 million) was to go to the speculator in return for the shares, and 300 million yen (\$2.5 million) to Mr. Takeshita.

A spokesman for Mr. Manabe

over alleged payoff later told reporters his employer had written no such memor nor had he paid money to Mr.

Mr. Isaka said in court that, at about this time, he had repeated contact with Mr. Takeshita's perhis profits to the speculator in sonal secretary to explain the Heiwa Sogo Bank's problem and its efforts to resolve it.

He said he repeatedly sought an assurance from the Takeshita aide that Heiwa Sogo was not in danger of a buy-out. Mr. Isaka said he believed the minister himself had expressed "understand-News reports have said ultra-

rightists exploited the "gold screen" affair in 1987 in a loudspeaker harassment campaign aimed at sabotaging Mr. Takeshita's bid to become prime minis-

A court trying different breachof-trust charges against a former executive of transport firm Tokyo Sagawa Kyubin heard in late 1992 that Mr. Takeshita and his allies had sought the help of a yakuza gang boss to force the rightists to desist.

